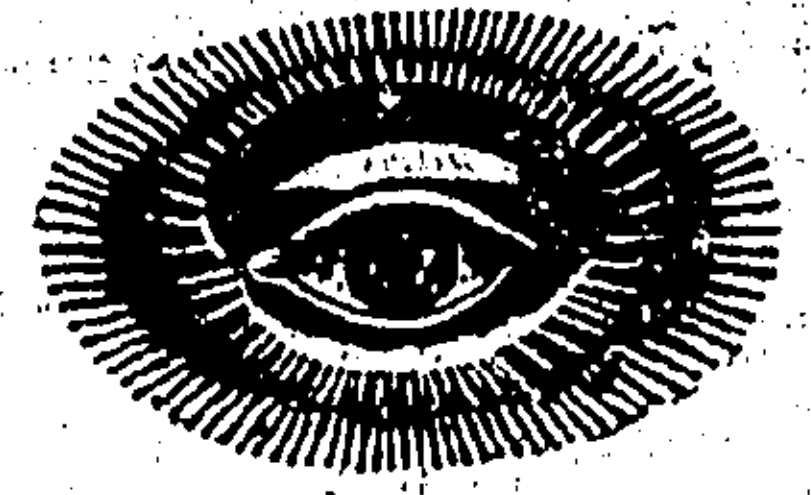


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NEW ALLIES. WU PEI-FU FOR HANKOW. FRESH COUNTER-OFFENSIVE. SUN ENGAGES NANKING.

CANTON'S WAR POLICY.

Two main features in to-day's news about the country-wide disturbances in China are the counter-offensive by a Northern warlord to relieve the pressure by Nanking on Hankow, and the reported desire of Mr. Wang Ching-wai to return to Canton immediately.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, of northern Kiangsu is the warlord who is believed to be making an active bid for the alliance of General Tang Seng-chi of Hankow. Marshal Wu Pei-fu is also mentioned as having arrived at an understanding with Hankow.

PEKING STILL ANXIOUS.

While the Nanking Government has been pouring armies up the Yangtze past Wuhu with Hankow as the final objective, it has not neglected its northern front, along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway where a lull set in some time ago in the campaign against Marshal Sun Chuan-fang. This week and last week, Nanking units have gone across the Yangtze to strengthen the defence against the Northerners.

Creating a Diversion.
Reports overnight indicate that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's outposts clashed with the Nanking men at Mingkwang, which is about 60 miles from the north bank of the Yangtze.

Engagement between Nanking and Sun Chuan-fang will divert Nanking's attention from the campaign against Hankow and pave the way to an alliance between Hankow and Sun Chuan-fang.

OTHER ALLIES.

Wu Pei-fu and Yang Sen For Hankow.

But there is somebody else who is siding with Tang Seng-chi against the Nanking Nationalists, as will be seen by the following:—
Significant News.

Peking, Yesterday.
Foreign messages from Ichang tend to confirm previous reports that Wu Pei-fu is working with Tang Seng-chi against Nanking for Tang Seng-chi's troops are reported to be withdrawing from Ichang towards Hankow while Yang Sen's men, with whom Wu Pei-fu is co-operating, are taking their place.

It is learned from Hankow that the Hankowites have disarmed a part of the Sixth Army, which is under Nanking.

Ten persons, including a woman, have been executed. It is believed they were offenders who distributed Communist literature among railway workers last week.—**Reuter.**

Ichang Position.
Ichang, Yesterday.
It is said in some quarters that General Yang Sen has designs on Ichang.—**British Naval Wireless.**

[Note: Ichang is a considerable distance above Hankow. The wireless despatch supports Reuter's message, pointing to the possibility of Tang Seng-chi handing over control of the upper Yangtze (above Hankow to Ichang) to Northern warlords, so that his own garrisons can be withdrawn to reinforce his line-up against the Nanking advance.]

WUHU AFFAIRS.

Hankow Troops Want Pay for Withdrawal.

Wuhu, Yesterday.
Tang Seng-chi is said to be thinking of evacuating Wuhu. The Eighth Army is reported to have demanded back pay before they will leave the city.—**British Naval Wireless.**

[Note: Wuhu means the territory around the cities of Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang, with a population of several millions and an arsenal. The intelligence comes from Wuhu which is much below Hankow and in the

8th Army probably has a small detachment in Wuhu and will not vacate the place, in favour of Nanking, until Nanking pays them to leave.]

WANG CHING-WEI.

His Possible Return to Canton.

The "Kung Sheung Yat Po" is informed that Mr. Wang Ching-wei (chairman of the Kuomintang who resigned some time ago) left Hankow on a Japanese steamer for Shanghai, and has sailed from Shanghai on a British steamer for Hong Kong.

The inference is that he is making for Canton. He sided with Hankow in the first Nationalist split. Lately he has been mentioned in connection with the reconciliation scheme.

His presence in Canton may have a considerable effect on the political policy down south but, as will be seen elsewhere in this issue, Canton has shown no definite inclination to send an expedition against Tang Seng-chi in the interests of Nanking.

Reuter's Report.
Shanghai, To-day.
It is reported that Wang Ching-wei left secretly by the s.s. "Kashmir" for Canton on the 25th.—**Reuter.**

TRUCE OR WAR?

Shansi Rovers Cause Peking Anxiety.

Up in Chihli province developments are fluctuating.

A Naval wireless message from Shanghai reports rumours (in Shanghai) of an arrangement for an armistice between Marshal Chang Tso-lin of Fengtien and General Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi.

On the other hand, Chinese cables state that peace overtures have come to nought.

Shansi's rovers and plainclothes troops are still causing Peking anxiety.

However, Fengtien claims successes in Honan province against the "Christian general," as follows:—

Kuominchun Defeat.

Peking, Yesterday.
A telegram from Chang Tsung-chang to the Cabinet claims that Chihli-Shantung troops defeated the Kuominchun at Kaifeng on the 24th, entering the city the same day. His infantry and armoured trains are operating as far as Chungmow, 30 miles from Chengchow. The Kuominchun are retreating to Honanfu.

An earlier message from Tsinanfu states the Chihli-Shantung troops, when they capture Lanfeng, took a brigade commander, 1,000 men, and 800 rifles.

The Kuominchun Headquarters claim that a Fengtien aeroplane carried out a successful air raid at Taiyuanfu, dropping four bombs and causing considerable damage to the Commander-in-Chief's Headquarters and arsenal.—**Reuter.**

Opium in Shanghai.

Shanghai, To-day.
It is noteworthy that the Kiangsu Anti-Opium drug monopoly, which supplies opium to South Kiangsu, is reported to hold stocks of opium at Shanghai valued at seventeen million dollars.—**Reuter.**

SEVEN BURIED.

Landslide at Local Cemetery.

FOUR PEOPLE DEAD.

Rapid Rescue Work At Mohammedan Cemetery.

A landslide which caused seven people to be buried under several tons of earth occurred at the Mohammedan Cemetery at 4.30 p.m., yesterday.

Thanks to the fact that the alarm was given immediately and the fire brigade being promptly on the scene, excavation work was rapidly done with the help of a number of coolies gathered from the vicinity, thus making it possible to extricate four persons from the debris still alive. They

SEE "THE OVERLAND."

This week's issue of the "China Overland Mail" contains full and official accounts of the shelling of the pirate steamer "Irene" by H.M. Submarine L4, the gallant rescue of the passengers and crew and the apprehension of the suspected pirates, together with a report of their preliminary appearance in the Police Court.

were immediately taken to the hospital in a motor ambulance, and it is not expected that they will lose their lives as the result of the terrible experience they had gone through. The remaining three were already dead when dug out, and their bodies were taken to the public mortuary.

The slide occurred on the Morrison gap side of the cemetery where work was in progress to reinforce an old retaining wall, a portion of which was carried away by heavy rains some two or three years ago. For the purpose of rebuilding the wall a trench was dug by the contractor and it is thought that this had the effect of undermining the loose earth which had been standing at a dangerous angle for some years.

It is estimated that nearly a hundred tons of earth came down with the slide, but it was fortunate that all did not reach the bottom of the hill, much of the fall being stopped by terraces which had been cut into the hill for burial ground.

CHEMICAL RESEARCH.

OUR EMPIRE-WIDE ACTIVITIES.

EXPERT'S OUTLINE.

London, Yesterday.
Sir Alfred Mond, addressing the delegates of the Imperial Agricultural Research Conference at a luncheon in London stated that Chemical Industries Ltd. were co-operating with Government departments in trials of fertilisers in the Empire and elsewhere.

Many trials were designed to test the suitability of the nitro-chalk of tropical and sub-tropical countries and arrangements had been completed to carry out in India and Kenya trials of new fertilisers of ammonium-phosphate and nitrophoska.

A representative was studying conditions in South Africa and Australia and would determine to what extent phosphate and other deficiencies had been the reason why so little use had been made of nitrogen fertilisers.

There was another representative on his way to India to study the best means of carrying out the proposals submitted to the Royal Commission for a great scheme of co-operation in fertiliser propaganda between the Governments of India and Britain. Arrangements had also been made to carry out fertiliser trials in the Sudan.—**Reuter.**

HOTEL CLAIM.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels successfully claimed against Mr. R. F. Strange for \$77 in the Summary Court this morning, the claim being proved by Mr. F. C. Barry, accountant, and the Hotels Company being represented by Mr. H. J. Armstrong.

BIAS BAY

Canton Takes Up The Question.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Authorities May Garrison Part Of The Coast.

Canton's war council, the highest military and naval authority for the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, has discussed measures for dealing with Bias Bay pirates.

This new council was only appointed a few days ago. General Li Chai-sum, the commander-in-chief, is the chairman.

Campaigns against bandits and pirates came up among the earliest discussion of the council.

Opinion in political circles is that the Canton authorities agree that the Bias Bay evil must be stamped out immediately; but it is difficult to see what plans can be chosen.

No Naval Arm.

The idea is to send troops from the Waichow prefecture—of which Bias Bay is a part—to garrison the coast of the Bay and round up the pirates. There will be no Chinese Naval arm.

Similar tactics were adopted before, with partial success. On the approach of the soldiers, the pirates retreat into the neighbouring heights where detection is difficult and dispossession even more so.

Bias Bay comes within the Waichow district, the first district of the Waichow prefecture.

What Happened Before.

Unfortunately, authority is centred at Waichow city, on the East River, some distance inland.

The anti-piracy garrison is entirely dependent on Waichow city for funds. Military exigencies may bring about delay in pay. The countryside is too poor to support a garrison and the commander, unless conscientiously supported, has reluctantly to lead his men away.

On previous occasions, detachments have been withdrawn to support political claims in richer places.

MINERS & SEAMEN.

DISPUTE AMONGST HOME UNIONS.

NON-POLITICAL SUPPORT.

London, Yesterday.

The general council of the T.U.C. has approved the report of the dispute committee which investigated a complaint by the Miners' Federation against the Seamen's Union of "acting disloyally" in connection with assistance to the non-political miners' union.

It is understood the committee recommended that the Seamen's Union be given 14 days to disclaim their intention to support non-political unions otherwise steps will be taken to sever the connection of the Seamen's Union with the T.U.C.—**Reuter.**

UNTRAINED CREW.

DIRIGIBLE'S FLIGHT HELD UP.

AMERICA TO CANADA.

Washington, Yesterday.
The proposed flight of the United States dirigible "Los Angeles" on October 29 to Ottawa has been abandoned owing to the lack of experience of the crew. The British Minister, Sir Philip Sassoon and a party of British and American airmen were to have travelled in the airship.—**Reuter's American Service.**

FINE WEATHER.

East or variable winds, moderate, fine, is the official weather forecast until noon tomorrow.

"GORILLA SERMONS."

The Bishop And His Grace.

CHURCH AND BIOLOGY.

Problem Of The Real Presence Of Christ.

London, Yesterday.
The Bishop of Birmingham has issued a second open letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury in which he says His Grace, by tacit acknowledgment of the truth of the biological doctrine of evolution, removes from Ministers of the Church qualms at proclaiming it.

He says his so-called "Gorilla Sermons" sought to emphasise the readjustments of the traditional Christian dogma rather

NO NONSENSE.

French Troops For Hankow.

Hankow, To-day.
Two hundred French Colonials have arrived as a permanent garrison for the French concession.—**Reuter.**

than the doctrine itself and thinks the many-sided excellence of the Old Testament ought to be preserved rather than disparaged.

Referring to the Archbishop of Canterbury's statement that he had given "real offence" to some churchfolk in the sacramental issue, the Bishop says that some pain was inevitable. "Truth pierces like a sword," he added, and proceeds to enlarge on the question of an experimental test of the sacramental dogmas.

He restates his sacramental teaching in which he states the real presence of Christ can be with his followers in public worship and communion, but there is no objective to the real presence of Christ attached to the bread and wine used in the Communion.—**Reuter.**

IN THE NEWS.

ITEMS FROM TO-DAY'S POLICE REPORTS.

When a Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell with selling salt fish in West Point, without a licence, he claimed that he was selling old shoes. The constable who arrested the man agreed that the hawk was selling old shoes, and the Magistrate decided to discharge the accused.

The coxswain of Kowloon Dock launch No. 9, reported to the police that while the launch was going alongside the s.s. "Kwong" at buoy No. 8 yesterday afternoon, a workman named Chan Ching fell overboard in a fit and was drowned. Although the launch searched the vicinity for some time, the body of the unfortunate man was not found.

A Chinese woman living in an unnumbered house in Ting tau village, Aukoo, was yesterday taken to the Kowloon Magistracy suffering from injuries to the left side of her body as the result of being knocked down by Army motor cycle No. 10065 driven by Sergt. Elliot, R.A.S.C. The woman attempted to cross the road in front of the cycle and Sergt. Elliot was unable to pull up in time to avoid her. The impact caused him to be thrown from the machine and he suffered cuts to his hands and knees.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy with running a popu lottery at No. 147, Third Street, West Point, and writing lottery tickets. He admitted the lottery was run by another man who employed him. The female principal tenant of the house said that the accused was the man who rented the two bicycles in which the papers seized by the police were found. A Chinese detective said that the lottery was a private one, but its result depended on the result of the drawing of the Macao lottery. The accused was fined \$100 or six weeks' jail. A sum of \$12.38 found on the premises was ordered to be forfeited.

KOWLOON BUSES.

A Matter of Public Safety.

JUDGE'S STRONG CRITICISM.

Police Action In Allowing Smaller Type Of Bus.

Criticism of the Police policy in regard to buses allowed on the road at Kowloon was passed by His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood in the course of a Summary Court case this morning in which evidence centred round an accident on the Castle Peak Road on September 11 as a result of which four people were injured.

The Kowloon Motor Bus Company claimed against Henry Leung, assistant Comptroller of Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., for \$710, the driver of a car, the alleged driving of which was stated to have forced one of plaintiff company's motor buses into a collision with a tree.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for plaintiff and Mr. H. J. Armstrong for the defendants.

One of the witnesses called was Inspector Mason, of the Traffic Department, who in reply to a question as to whether the particular type of bus involved (one of the small Ford car type) was inclined to be top-heavy with a full load replied that in his opinion the type of bus was certainly not suitable for the work.

Officially Passed.

His Honour pointed out that the buses were passed by the traffic department for passenger service on the roads and if they were top-heavy it was a serious thing to allow them on the road at all.

Witness said that he did not definitely say they were top-heavy. He merely expressed his own personal opinion that this type of bus was not suitable. There had been several cases of them having been blown over in typhoon weather. This only applied to the smaller buses and not to the new larger type.

His Honour said that witness had been perfectly frank and he (His Honour) maintained that it was a very serious matter. It was clearly not in the public interests that an Inspector should be called on to pass out cars of a type which he considered not suitable.

Regarding the facts of the case Mr. Russ said that about 4.45 p.m. on September 11 Bus No. 102 was coming from Lai-chikok to Tsimsatsui at a reasonable speed, from ten to twelve miles an hour, when a private car driven by the defendant came up from behind, passed the bus and turned in so sharply that the rear wheel of the defendant's car struck off the front wheel of the bus causing it to swerve and dash into a tree at the side of the road.

The bus was overturned, four of the sixteen occupants were injured and taken to hospital and the bus badly damaged.

In Repair Shop.

The scene of the accident was near the Wong Wo distillery a little to the far side of the house which went under the name of Mr. Goldring's house near where trucks used to cross the road with head gates. The road was fairly wide and fairly straight at the spot in question.

The car was in the repair shop for a considerable period after the accident, and the claim for damages was made up of the bill for repairs and the amount which the Company considered a fair average for the loss of the days' takings during the period in which the car was out of commission. The average had been made out on a \$40 a day basis, the car not having returned to service until September 22.

It was indicated for the defence that \$100 had been paid into Court. The amount of the repair bill, loss of daily takings, etc., was queried and other questions raised involving the suitability of this type of bus for road work. Evidence was given by P. Sgt. Baysting, of the Traffic Department, who arrived on the scene of the accident shortly afterwards. The bus was then lying on its left side against the tree which it had struck. The injured passengers had been taken to the Tung Wah Hospital by the defendant's car. Witness picked up a hub cap from the defendant's car which had been torn off in the collision. The road was 19 feet 8 inches wide at the spot. The

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Cargo coolies and others have been embroiled, it will be recalled, in at least two pitched fights within the last two weeks, squabbling over the right of various labour unions to work near the wharves and godowns at the back of Honam.

feet in length and about 6 feet from the edge of the road. The offside skid mark of the bus was 23 feet 5 inches in length, about the centre of the road.

Car Inspected.

Inspector A. H. Mason was the next witness. He stated that he had examined the car on the day following the accident and had made a list of the damage sustained. Shewn the bill which had been put in by the repair shop, witness said that several names were used for parts which were not technically accepted names but it appeared to him a fairly reasonable bill if all the work had been done which was specified on the bill.

Witness was cross-examined by Mr. Armstrong regarding several of the items on the bill. Mr. Armstrong suggested that except for the back axle and the two back wheels, the plaintiffs appeared to have got practically a new car as a result of the accident.

A Reasonable Time.

Witness agreed that when he saw the car after the accident he had not noticed damage to the main frame assembly, which had been replaced as a result of the accident, but stated that if the frame had been twisted it would be difficult to notice. The same applied to several other parts which had been renewed and the extent of damage to which was not discernible until the car was more or less taken down.

Asked what would be a reasonable time for the repairs to take, providing that the main frame assembly had been replaced, witness said that seven days was a reasonable time. The police had examined the car before the repairs were put in hand and tested it afterwards and the delay accounted for an additional two days.

Mr. Armstrong raised the question of the bus being top-heavy and witness agreed that this type of bus was inclined to be top-heavy when fully loaded.

Witness agreed that a bus of this type would turn over more easily than an adding car or bus of heavier type if it struck against anything.

Annual Try-Out.

Mr. Armstrong suggested that a bus might turn over if through some cause the steering became "wobbly." Witness replied that the bus had only come up for its annual try-out six days previous to the accident and steering trouble, he thought, could not possibly have developed within that time.

Asked what a reasonable price for the bus would have been at the time of the annual try-out, witness said he was not an expert.

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DECISION RESERVED.

Foo Yuk-yin, described as a merchant, was again before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon in connection with the charge preferred against him of trafficking in opium.

Certain seized documents and letters having been admitted by the Magistrate, Mr. Carrie of the Import and Export Department called the senior Chinese translator who deposed that the word "goods" appearing on some of the papers when taken with the general context of the documents could be construed to mean opium. There were also references to 185 taels of "raw goods" in a letter, while in a notebook was found the entry "286 gains" and another "black rice." This latter phrase, the witness said, was a well known Chinese slang for opium and was used in the opium trade.

Mr. Carrie then dealt with two distinct sets of letters one from Pakhoi and the other from Manila, and submitted that these pointed to a movement of opium between Pakhoi, Hong Kong and Manila.

The Defence.
The defence as set up by Mr. M. K. Lo, was that the words cited from the letters and other documents were capable of other innocuous meaning instead of the construction which the prosecution had chosen to put on them. He also said that the charge against the accused was for an act he committed in the Philippines and was punishable under the provisions of a similar law in force there, and in making this charge against the accused, the prosecution had made no attempt to prove it. Therefore, the accused had no case to answer.

The Magistrate adjourned the case for a week to consider his decision.

ALLEGED MURDER.

CHINESE SEAMAN SAID TO BE INSANE.

A Chinese seaman named Wong Yui-yung, who was stated to have been insane at the time he committed the deed, was yesterday charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with the murder of his 16-year-old daughter on September 16, when his Worship gave a week's formal remand on the application of Detective Sub-Inspector, Dorrington.

According to the Inspector the accused had been certified to have been insane at the time he took his daughter's life, and a remand was required for the Attorney-General to investigate the case and decide how the accused should be dealt with. It was probable that he would be sent to the lunatic asylum.

The accused lived with his wife and deceased daughter at No. 88, Canton Road, Kowloon. The daughter had been ill for some ten days before the alleged murder, and during that time the accused had worried a lot about her, sleeping and eating very little during the girl's illness. In the evening of September 24 when the mother awoke she found her daughter dead in bed with a gash in her throat, while the accused was found in another part of the house unconscious, also with a cut in his throat. Buy his side was found a blood-stained razor with which it was suggested that both wounds were made. He was rushed to the hospital where his life was saved by the prompt attention of Dr. J. E. Dovey.



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BLACK SHIRTS.

MOVEMENT IN CHINA CONDEMNED.

HANKOW PAPER'S RIDICULE.

Shanghai, Oct. 15.

A Shanghai Fascist organisation, with the declared purpose of "suppressing radicalism in the International and French settlements, maintaining the neutrality of Shanghai and preserving order in general" has been formed. The organisation is composed of several hundred business men of the numerous nationalities represented in Shanghai. It has come into being as a result of months of disorder in the Shanghai area, and in the minds of the members, "it is high time strong measures were taken to suppress the lawless elements flooding the place with propaganda and those who would tear down the results of years of labour on the part of the foreign communities in making Shanghai one of the leading ports of the world."

The Shanghai Fascisti have offered their services to the authorities of the Settlement "for any task for the welfare of the community."

Much enthusiasm has been shown in the formation of the group and scores of firms of Shanghai are represented by their employees on the rolls of the "Fascisti."

But in spite of the move, which has received the most active support among those of the British community and the local British press, the action has not been received with favour on the part of the Shanghai Municipal Council, governing body of the International Settlement. In the words of Sir John Feseden, American, chairman of the council, the legally established authorities had best be depended upon to discharge tasks in connection with the settlement government and the repression of undesirable elements.

Although the Fascisti have declared their determination to perfect a strong and permanent organisation, the outlook for a long life for them is not bright. Especially among Americans has their been little support. In the eyes of most Americans the move is ill-advised and in some quarters has been termed "infantile and resembling a Ku Klux Klan, which is doomed to quick failure."

The movement has been taken humorously in other localities in China and is being made the brunt of much sarcasm and ridicule. The "Hankow Herald," American daily paper of the Yangtze valley city, has taken strong steps to ridicule the Shanghai Fascisti. When the body was being formed, an appeal was made in the local press for members. The Hankow publication comments, editorially, "according to announcement the rush to join the Shanghai Fascisti is simply terrific. The saviours of Shanghai are waiting in queues five blocks long, a line of warriors standing courageously under the hot summer sun, stamping their boots on the hot pavement and pleasantly cogitating on the coming downfall of the evil-doers, waiting to be handed shirts and black banners with fellow emblems."

The Hankow publication recalls that Hankow during recent months has been subjected to the most strenuous times in several years as a result of the military drive throughout the Yangtze valley and asks why Hankow cannot have a Fascist body which "will beat Shanghai's all to pieces." Belittling the local move, it states, "Shanghai's outfit is too tame to gather much publicity, but we could announce a slogan which would put this city back on the front page on America's great dailies—that would knock the spots off the Shanghai Fascisti and would at once bring back our falling prestige. Let us have one slogan—"Knock 'em Dead," and let rewards be offered as follows for "doing" the evil-doers:

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Kill one Frenchman—Free Cigar.
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Kill Italian—\$2 Cash.
Kill one Japanese—Free Sukiyaki (Japanese food).
Kill one Miscellaneous—Free ticket to movies.

The paper continues: "If Shanghai do their killings by burning at the stake we can arrange to do ours by boiling in oil."
"The first day of our Fascisti would be a grand and glorious day of punishment of evil-doers acquiring in the grasp of the righteous Fascisti. The second day there may be protests by various consuls. The third, friends of the injured may band themselves together for revenge and start killing off a few of the Fascisti. The fourth is not quite clear. In our own mind, as most anything is likely to happen. But on the fifth, it would be fairly safe to predict a few national ultimatums, and by the tenth a good war should be under way."

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PANGALIST PLOT.

EX-MINISTER CHARGED WITH MALVERSATION.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FORMER PREMIER.

Athens, Oct. 22.

The examination of Madame Pangalos was adjourned at her request for 48 hours, owing to the arrest of her lawyer, M. Boghopoulos, on a charge of malversation when he was Minister of the Interior during the Pangalist regime.

The Press alleges that the inquiry revealed that General Pangalos wrote to his wife asking her to give him 500,000 drachmas towards the cost of organizing a movement to overthrow the Government.

[Earlier messages stated:—
Athens, August 20.—The fact that the wife of the former Dictator gave a promise that the conspiring officers would be promoted if the plot were successful was disclosed, following 30 arrests in connection with the alleged conspiracy to overthrow the Government and reinstate General Pangalos. Athens, Sept. 30.—As the result of an inquiry into the Pangalist plot, which was alleged to have been aimed at the creation of a reign of terror by the assassination of leading politicians, Government have arrested several high officers, including General Spridonos, a former Minister of the Interior, during the Pangalos regime, and also the son of Pangalos. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Madame Pangalos, whose whereabouts are not known. Athens, October 2.—Madame Pangalos has surrendered to the police.]

matums, and by the tenth a good war should be under way."
The "North China Daily News," Shanghai British daily, accused by the Manchester Guardian as representing the "die-hard" group here, comments: "There is a tendency in this community to look upon this effort to organise public opinion for that is what it really amounts to—with an air of superior tolerance, as an adult, would look upon children's efforts to build sand castles or make mud pies. With this attitude we have no patience whatever. Whatever objections some of our readers may have to enlisting under this aegis, they cannot withhold credit from those who have associated themselves with the movement for the courage and initiative which are designed to demonstrate to our several home governments that Shanghai is really worth saving."

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SHIPPING SECTION.

SUEZ CANAL.

MONTH'S RECORD FIGURES.

The net measurement of the ships making the passage of the Suez Canal during the month of July last was 2,342,000 tons, as compared with 1,933,000 tons in July, 1926, and 2,053,000 tons in 1925, while it exceeds the previous record for the month (2,056,000 tons in July, 1924) by 286,000 tons. In comparison with July, 1926, this year's traffic shows an increase of 349,000 tons, the north-south movement having increased by 349,000 tons and the transit in the opposite direction by 195,000 tons.

Net Tonnage by Directions And Operations.

July, 1926.		(In Thousands of Tons)	
Operations	N-S S-N Total	Commercial	462 758 1,220
Postal	324 293 617	In ballast	152 — 152
Military	4 — 4		
Total	942 1,051 1,993		

July, 1927.

(In Thousands of Tons)	
Operations	N-S S-N Total
Commercial	605 840 1,445
Postal	332 350 682
In ballast	199 7 206
Military	1 8 9
Total	1,137 1,205 2,342

The largest increase was made by commercial operations, particularly in the transit from north to south (inc. 143,000 tons). The postal services showed an increase of 65,000 tons, and navigation in ballast 54,000 tons. The latter increase was contributed fairly equally both by ordinary cargo steamers (mostly going to Red Sea ports) and by tankers.

Net Tonnage of Ships in Ballast.

July, 1926.		July, 1927.	
Tankers	145,000	Tankers	173,000
Other vessels	7,000	Other vessels	33,000
Total	152,000	Total	206,000

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Tankers, both laden and in ballast, attained a new monthly maximum, namely, 408,000 tons as against 364,000 tons, the previous record achieved in March, 1927. Motor vessels of all categories showed a total of 55 passages and 301,000 tons net, as compared with 38 passages and 212,000 tons in July last year. Among the vessels which used the Canal for the first time, the largest was the Norwegian motor-tanker "Storestad," of about 9,000 tons gross.

Movement of Merchandise.

For the third time this year the monthly total of merchandise transported through the canal exceeded 2,500,000 tons. In comparison with July last year there was an increase of more than 500,000 tons.

July, 1926.

Outwards	787,000
Homewards	1,246,000
Total traffic	2,033,000

July, 1927.

Outwards	981,000
Homewards	1,567,000
Total traffic	2,548,000

Difference.

Outwards	+194,000
Homewards	+321,000
Total traffic	+515,000

The principal articles of merchandise contributing to the outward movement were:-

Outward-traffic July 1926 July 1927 (In tons weight.)

Manufactured metals	205,000	210,000
Railway material	47,000	96,000
Petroleum	9,000	56,000
Coal	17,000	50,000
Salt	55,000	50,000
Woven goods	38,000	45,000
Cement	25,000	38,000
Fertilisers	35,000	31,000
Wood pulp and paper	33,000	27,000
Refined sugar	14,000	5,000
Sundry merchandise	309,000	372,000
Total	787,000	981,000

Remarkable Increases.

The increases in railway material (49,000 tons) and petroleum (47,000 tons), the "Bulletin Decade" says, are very remarkable. The shipments of railway material, 96,000 tons, were the highest that have ever been registered in a single month, their principal destination, as shown in the following table, was British India:-

Destinations	Tons weight
British India	55,000
East Africa	11,000
Japan	8,000
Red Sea ports	8,000
Dutch Indies	6,000
Other countries	8,000
Total	96,000

The cargoes of coal show an increase of 33,000 tons in comparison with July, 1926, but in that month the shipments were unusually small on account of the strike.

The principal products contributing to the south-north traffic were comprised in the following groups:-

Groups	July 1926	July 1927
Cereals	197,000	375,000
Mineral oils	391,000	329,000
Vegetable oils and oil seeds	258,000	273,000
Textiles	103,000	125,000
Minerals and metals	94,000	118,000
Single Articles:		
Sugar	14,000	60,000
Rubber	44,000	45,000
Tea	28,000	30,000
Oil cake	9,000	15,000
Molasses	11,000	13,000
Various merchandise	187,000	175,000

Total 1,246,000 1,567,000

Homeward Expansion.

The homeward traffic thus shows an expansion of 321,000 tons, due principally to cereals, whose share in the increase was more than half, or 175,000 tons. In the cereal group the share of wheat alone was 235,000 tons, or 102,000 tons more than in July, 1926. For the first time since quite a long period the shipments from India (115,000 tons) approached an equality with those from Australia (116,000 tons). Rice showed an increase of 52,000 tons, which was attributable mostly to India, and there was an increase of 18,000 tons in barley.

Mineral oils achieved a new monthly record with a total of 329,000 tons, the increase being due mostly to larger shipments of crude oil. Among oil seeds, soya beans had an increase of 45,000 tons. Cane sugar yielded a total of 69,000 tons, of which 44,000 tons came from Java, a country which had been sending only small quantities since November, 1925.

New Guinea, rarely mentioned in these statistics, sent through the Canal a single cargo of more than 6,000 tons of copra.

Finally, the revenues for July also constituted a monthly record, being 16,799,000 francs, as compared with 14,388,000 francs in July, 1926, and 14,816,000 francs in July, 1925.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Kobe on yesterday at 12.30 p.m. left Kobe to-day at 6 a.m., and is due at Nagasaki tomorrow at 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mongolia" left Singapore for this port on October 23 at 4 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-day at about 4 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benreoch" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" left Shanghai for this port on October 25, at 8 p.m. with the Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Jeyapore" left Singapore for this port on October 24 at 4 p.m. with the outward Mails, and is due here on October 31 at about 6 a.m.

The Dollar Line s.s. "President McKinley" sails for Seattle on November 2 at 1 a.m.

The s.s. "Porthos" is expected to arrive in Hong Kong on November 9.

The M.V. "Formosa" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on September 30, and is due here on or about November 8.

The s.s. "Vendia" (D. & Co.) sailed from Port Said on October 3, and is due here on November 10.

The s.s. "Lancaster Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on September 22, and is expected here on November 15.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due at Hong Kong on November 1. She will sail for Manila at 6 p.m. on November 2.

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PANAMA MARU Friday, 28th October.

CANADA MARU Thursday, 1st December.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

TACOMA MARU Friday, 25th November.

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TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 8th November, 10 a.m.

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KASHGAR	9,005	24th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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KALYAN	9,144	7th Jan.	Straits & Bombay
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KEIVA	10,946	11th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,135	19th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	9,005	26th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,986	30th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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KASHGAR	9,005	13th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on FRIDAY, the 28th October, 1927.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE, Agent.

Hong Kong, 22nd October, 1927.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

From New York.

THE Steamship
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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 31st October, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 7th November, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 31st October, 1927, at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 29th October, 1927, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Under-signed before the 3rd November, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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SPANISH CRUISER.

HURRIED RECALL TO CARTAGENA.

"A SHAKE-UP."

The "Manila Bulletin" of October 19 reports:—

The Spanish cruiser "Blas de Lezo" will put out from Pier 3 at 11 o'clock to-night direct to Cartagena, Spain, following instructions from the Spanish Government. A cablegram from the Spanish minister of war, directing the cruiser to proceed at top speed to the home port so as to arrive in Cartagena on or about November 12 was received yesterday by Emilio da Motta, Spanish consul general.

The rush call from the home Government was received with surprise by the officers and crew of the "Blas de Lezo." They thought they would stay long enough in Manila to return the courtesies extended to them by the cosmopolitan community.

Captain Gonzalo de la Puerta of the cruiser expressed his regret to the acting Manila mayor for his inability to do so. Commander de la Puerta planned to entertain on Thursday aboard the cruiser.

While the cablegram does not state the reason behind the rush order, it was indicated yesterday that here would be a shakeup in the naval personnel of the Spanish navy on or about November 12. Changes in the assignment of officers and crew of the Spanish ships of war that all the warships be assembled in Cartagena. Some officers and crew in the "Blas de Lezo" are slated for promotion and change of assignment, it was explained.

COASTAL CHANGES.

MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS' PERSONNEL.

Mr. A. D. Armour, from reserve, has gone supply chief engineer, "Liangchow."

Mr. P. Todd, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Kueichow." Mr. H. R. Norrington, acting second engineer, "Kueichow," has resigned.

Mr. A. C. Morice, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Kiungchow."

Mr. J. Scarr, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, "Anhui." Dr. D. H. Davidson, third engineer, "Changchow," has gone third engineer, "Kueichow."

Mr. H. George, chief engineer, "Anhui," has gone chief engineer, "Tungting." Mr. R. Geater, acting chief engineer, "Tungting," has gone chief engineer, "Luchow."

Mr. R. Barclay, acting second engineer, "Anhui," has gone chief engineer, same ship.

Mr. J. Jamieson has been appointed third engineer, "Changchow."

Mr. J. E. Haig, chief engineer, "Luchow," has gone chief engineer, "Huichow." Mr. A. McVean, chief engineer, "Huichow," has gone supply chief engineer, "Anking."

Mr. I. Robertson, chief engineer, "Ichang," has gone chief engineer, "Chinhua." Mr. I. Callender, chief engineer, "Chinhua," has gone chief engineer, "Ichang."

Mr. J. W. Kennedy, chief engineer, "Szechuen," has resigned.

Mr. J. F. Wylie, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Chekiang."

Mr. D. McD. Buchanan, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Chekiang." Mr. S. Dumbreck, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Chekiang."

Mr. E. Dunn, third engineer, "Whangpu," has gone third engineer, "Kwangse."

Mr. J. S. K. Oliver, third engineer, "Chungchow," is on reserve.

Mr. J. H. Fayers, third engineer, "Suiyang," has gone acting second engineer, "Ichang."

Mr. W. H. Scurr, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Chusan."

Mr. J. Ryles, second engineer, "Ichang," has gone second engineer, "Soochow."

Mr. J. R. Mooney, third engineer, "Chusan," has gone third engineer, "Ichang."

Mr. S. Smith, third engineer, "Linan," is on reserve.

Mr. A. J. Courtney, third engineer, "Tungchow," has gone third engineer, "Linan."

Mr. R. G. Edwards, third engineer, "Hain Peking," is on reserve.

Mr. W. T. Bould, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Kwong-sang."

Mr. J. M. Macleod, second engineer, "Kwong-sang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Halkett, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Kutwo."

Mr. W. W. Colquhoun, second engineer, "Kutwo," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Findlater, from reserve, has gone supply third engineer, "Kwalsang."

Mr. F. A. Maxwell has been appointed second engineer, "Suifu."

Captain H. C. Dalziel has been appointed master, "Ah Kwang." Captain H. R. Edmondson has been appointed master, "Tseang Tah." Captain A. R. Smith, of the "Tseang Tah," is on reserve.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Chinhua (1,958) British, from Bangkok, B. & S., 7 passengers, 1,375 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Glenshiel (5,805) British, from London, Singapore, Jardine's, 4 passengers, 222 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,300 tons general (through).

Hai Ning (832) British, from Swatow, Douglas S.S. Co., 425 passengers, 300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Gremer, Dutch, from Amoy, Swatow, J. C. J. L., 1,548 passengers, 1,422 tons general cargo (through).

Raymond Polneare (1,197) French, from Port Radey, Pakhoi, Yok Cheong, 23 passengers, 47 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,000 tons general (through).

Preussen (5,050) German, from Hamburg, Singapore, Jebson & Co., 10 passengers, 1,538 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Pinnama Maru (3,566) Japanese, from Yokohama, Moji, O. S. K., 11 passengers, 868 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,285 tons general (through).

Times Maru (1,305) Japanese, from Hongkong, M. B. K., 3,200 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Kaijo Maru (1,126) Japanese, from Keelung, Swatow, O. S. K., 112 passengers, 500 tons coal and general cargo for Hong Kong.

Devawongse (1,022) Chinese, from Hoihow, Chau Yen Teng, 1,423 tons general cargo (through).

Sun Kong (822) Chinese, from K. C. Wan, Man Yick & Co., 300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Wing Wo (603) Chinese, from K. C. Wan, Yen Kee S.S., 300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

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For Canton:—Devawongse, Kuei Chow, For Keelung:—Fuku Maru, For Takao:—Preussen, For Shanghai:—Emp. of Russia, Afrika.

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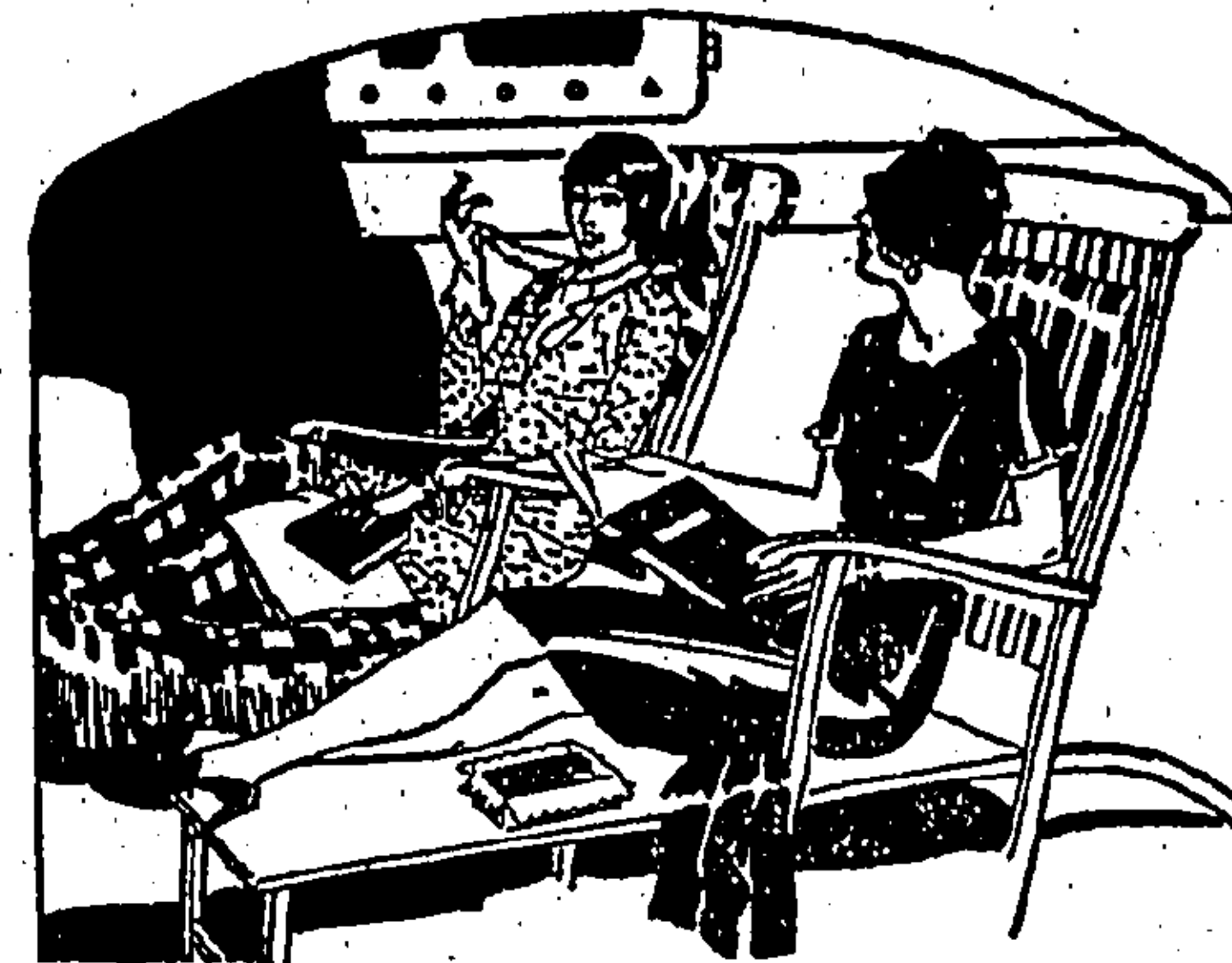
Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals	Departures	Port.
British	3	5
Japanese	3	2
Norwegian	0	1
Chinese	3	2
Danish	0	1
Dutch	1	0
French	1	0
German	1	1
American	0	1
Panama	0	0
Portuguese	0	3
	12	13
		58

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Hong Kong, Thursday, Oct. 27, 1927.

HOUSE COLLAPSES.

If the evidence of Mr. H. J. Pearce, Building Ordinance Inspector, at the inquest at Kowloon, on Tuesday, on the inquest of three victims of a house collapse, is to be believed, residents of Chinese houses—and perhaps European houses—are in great risk of their lives during a typhoon. The house in question was the end one of five and it was alleged by the Inspector that the outer wall, which collapsed bringing the roof and floors with it, had been built with "poor quality lime mortar," and that this was "largely responsible for the collapse." Apparently as a mitigating circumstance, he added that when the building was being erected there was a scarcity of skilled labour in the Colony and because of this the work "would not be of a really high class standard." Furthermore, he stated that the Ordinance at present permits the use of lime mortar even for external walls, but the margin of safety is small.

These assertions and admissions on the part of a responsible officer of the Building Authority must strike the layman in building matters as disclosing a very unsatisfactory state of affairs in the housing problem of this Colony. No assurance can be gained from the statement that it was intended at a later date to add to the building so as to make the wall in question a party one. Still less assurance can be found in the remark of the Coroner that he did not think the jury could hold anyone criminally responsible "as the mortar was no doubt quite good when used but three years of exposure had weakened it." The latter statement is in direct conflict with the

expert evidence of lime mortar of poor quality having been used. Therefore, we can only conclude that if no one can be held criminally responsible there is certainly a grave moral responsibility resting upon some person or persons. If, as alleged in all seriousness, lime mortar of poor quality was used in the construction of this particular wall, where was the supervision of the Building Authority, supposed to be exercised during the actual process of construction of houses? The admission that skilled hands were scarce at the time, that the work of construction was slow, and that because of the lack of skilled labour the work would not be of a really high class standard, is a most serious one. The facts cited appeared to have been known to the Building Authority at the time—therefore, why was the Building Authority not on its guard for the purpose of preventing just such a calamity as occurred during the big typhoon of August 20 when the house collapsed? Moreover, if the Ordinance permits the use of lime mortar for even external walls, is it not time that the Ordinance was amended immediately in view of its own expert's opinion that "the margin of safety is small?" Hundreds of houses have been constructed in Mongkok and Shamshuipo within the last couple of years, to go no further back. Can the Building Authority give an assurance that every external wall, without exception, is immune from the risk of collapse in the case of a typhoon striking the Colony? The subject is one that calls for the most searching inquiry in the interests of the whole community.

Co-operation of Owners.
It seemed to him that this scheme would not be justified unless they had the co-operation of all the owners in this neighbourhood. There were 36 such owners in this area in addition to two further bungalows for which the plans had already been passed. He had written letters to all these owners for keeping up the standard both as a measure of protection of value of their own property and as a measure of town planning. He wanted time to go into these matters carefully, and also to wait for replies from the owners he had written to, and for these reasons he moved that these by-laws be referred to the next meeting.

The Commissioners agreed to this.

Rents for Rotten Property.
At a subsequent meeting Mr. G. L. Ham, the President of the Municipal Commissioners, made an important statement on the subject of the rent ramp in Penang and outlined a scheme whereby a modified system of control might be exercised over property which had been designated as "B Class" property, that is to say, over houses and property which did not come up to the standards defined by the 1913 Ordinance or which were not certified by the Health Officer as conforming to those standards.

In the latter part of his address, before moving the two resolutions published, Mr. Ham said that if they did not obtain some form of control their improvements would cost them very much more and the incidence would be less fairly distributed. When there was a question of compensation they would have those high values quoted against them. Owners of decent property would be rated for an improvement of the rotten property and in addition the then owners and tenants would have to pay increased rents still for this rotten property because unless these rents were brought down they would obviously have to charge assessments in accordance with their scale, thus continuing the vicious circle.

Possible Objections.
Mr. Ham next went on to deal with some possible objections. (1) That those high rents for rotten property although evil would do some good by encouraging building which might otherwise cease. His reply was that building in the outskirt of the town did not cure the present evil and that for some years after building did cease further out there would still be plenty of building to be done on within these seven central districts. This might give rise to the argument that so far from there being building in the central districts his proposal would discountage it. That he was sure they would not do that. He was sure they would not do that. He was sure they would not do that.

almost every paper in the world. Maybe, therefore, the municipal fathers have come to the conclusion that sufficient publicity has not been derived from daily gun fights and a record fist fight, and have prompted Mayor Thompson to indulge in his present fanciful flights, with Britain as the goat. This suggested solution to the whole business is at least feasible, and if it is not the correct one leaves us with only one alternative suggestion, which is that Mayor Thompson has allowed his anti-British feelings to get to his head.

HIGH RENTS.

CHEAPENING BUILDING COSTS.

ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS.

In addition to the new by-laws which were passed at the ordinary meeting of the Municipal Commissioners of Penang recently, a further set of by-laws was introduced by the President but deferred till the next meeting for consideration, in order that Commissioners and the public alike might become acquainted with the proposals.

The President said that these by-laws were being introduced to cheapen the cost of building. But in respect of one class of house there was going to be a certain amount of tightening up, that was in respect of "Class A Compound House," in the area marked on the plan, which Mr. Ham passed round. The idea of this by-law was to preserve some sort of symmetry in the development of the town, and the proposal was that within this area they should not allow anything inferior to the existing type of house. No concession whatever must be allowed because once permission was given for a slightly inferior type, then it might be difficult to refuse an application for the erection of a type of house slightly less inferior to the one for which special concession was made. This would result in an enhanced value for the smaller type of house. After considering the matter carefully, he thought the best way of maintaining the standard would be to prohibit the erection of any bungalow which did not come up to a certain standard. A description of the Class of house required was given in the first paragraph of the new by-laws, No. 88, and it was easy to calculate it by the superficial ground area of the building.

Some time ago a Chinese woman living at No. 6 V. g. Shing Street was sent to jail for keeping a sly brothel and after her discharge from jail was recommended for banishment. Before being sent away, she was given an opportunity to return to her house to collect her property which she had left in the care of her amah during the time she was in jail. It was then discovered that the amah had disappeared after disposing of the mistress's jewellery and collecting \$1,250 of the mistress's money from the Bank of Canton by forging her signature on the pass book. The police were informed, and Sergeant Fitches arrested the amah and a man at No. 612 Reclamation Street, Mongkok, where bed mats, screens and other property of the brothel keeper were found. The result was that the amah and the man were charged before Mr. E. Lindell with conspiring to rob the complainant, and the amah charged on a further count of larceny by a balance of money and property worth \$1,436 the property of her mistress. Mr. Lindell sentenced the amah to six months' hard labour, and discharged the man on account of insufficient evidence of conspiracy.

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Another argument put to him was that his suggested rent control would so stimulate the competition for building as to force their price up and hence the rents to be obtained for the completed building. He thought that obviously intending buyers would keep an eye on the future and provided the Committee of Control was going to leave him with a moderate return on the capital at present sunk in his B class property he was not going to be in too great a hurry to rebuild. He did not of course propose that a man who had recently purchased rotten property at an expensive figure should get a percentage of that sum. He was an unwise investor and must suffer in the general interests in the same way that the investor of a poor tin mine must suffer. He had no more sympathy with him than the recent applicant who complained that he had bought some new property at a certain figure on the assurance that it would fetch certain rents and asked for a reduction in assessment because one of the blocks of houses could not be let for that figure. He was told that the assessment would be reduced when the general rents of the block were reduced. The two resolutions already put

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

ATTRACTIVE LOCAL LECTURE ARRANGED.

DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN.

A public lecture will be given in the Great Hall of the Hong Kong University to-morrow at 5 p.m. by Professor C. K. Webster, Wilson Professor of International Politics, University of Wales, and formerly Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, on "The new Europe and the League of Nations."

The organisation of such public lectures is just the kind of service which the University can render the community in Hong Kong.

Professor Webster is a distinguished historian, formerly a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, and from 1914-1922 Professor of Modern History at the University of Liverpool. In 1917-1918 he was on the General Staff at the War Office, and at the Conference of Paris was Secretary to the Military Section of the British delegation. He is now Wilson Professor of International Politics in the University of Wales.

He is the recognised authority on the political and diplomatic history of the period immediately following the downfall of Napoleon, a period of conference similar to that which followed the recent Great War. Perhaps his best known work is his study of the Foreign Policy of Castlereagh.

The Wilson Chair in International Politics is, we believe, the only Chair of the kind in the United Kingdom, though there are many Chairs for the Study of International Relations and Politics in the United States. The Professor is obliged, by the conditions of his appointment, to travel extensively every year. This year Prof. Webster has attended at Honolulu as a member of the British group at the conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations in July. Since then he has travelled through Japan and China, and has met members of the Chinese and foreign community of almost every type. He proceeds from Hong Kong to India.

The Chair was founded in honour of the late President Woodrow Wilson, and its occupant visits Geneva regularly and is in constant touch with the activities of the League of Nations.

Professor Webster is assured of an audience within the University, but there will be many who will take the opportunity to hear him speak on a subject of vital interest with which he is especially qualified to deal.

BREACH OF TRUST.

AMAH WHO FORGED A SIGNATURE.

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P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Heading in a contemporary: "Mussolini Speaks in Four Languages"—Here when hubby comes home too late from the Club one language from the wife is quite sufficient.

"I'm not going to be married till I'm thirty-five."
"Well, I'm not going to be thirty-five till I'm married."

A lot of people continually complain of the weather but very few of them are able to do anything about it.

Proud Father: You say my son is a first rank pupil?
Professor: Yes, he's the first rank pupil I've had in years.

"Hello, Pekins, where did you get that black eye?"
"Oh, it was only a sweethearts' quarrel."

"Sweethearts' quarrel? Why, your girl didn't give you that, did she?"
"No; it was her other sweetheart."

If Mussolini had been born a baseball player instead of a politician he would doubtless be giving Babe Ruth a real run for his money.

"Have you been out of work for long?"
"Since the death of my mother."

"And how long ago did your mother die?"
"She died bringing me into this world."

Counsel for the defendant: "Could the motorist have avoided you?"
Plaintiff: "Too right, he could! 'E 'ad the choice of me an' the missis, an' he picked me."

Conductor: "Here! You'll have to take a ticket. You've been hanging on for over two hundred yards."

"Why didn't you marry that dentist?"
"Because I couldn't say 'Yes' when he proposed."

"You need plenty of exercise. Go for an hour's walk before and after work."

"But, doctor—I'm a postman."

She: I'm not on speaking terms with Freddie. The man thing wouldn't give me his seat at the barber's this morning."

Judge: Were you ever in trouble before?
Prisoner: Well—I—er—kept a library book too long, once, and was fined two cents.

He: When you promised to obey at the altar you waived certain rights.
She: Yes, but it wasn't a permanent waiver.

She: Did you see in the paper how some people were poisoned through eating chocolates?
He: I fancy I did; but what about it?

She: Nothing, except that I was thinking—er—how very safe we are!

Johnnie (addressing policeman on point duty): Mother wants you to come, 'cause she's having a row with father.

"Does your mother want me to arrest your father?" ask the constable.
"Naw, naw," replied Johnnie, "she wants you to come up and hold baby while she deals with father."

"Miss Jones, I cannot permit you to have long conversations over the telephone with your friends."

"It was—er—a business conversation, sir."

"In that case, please remember that this firm never addresses any of its clients as 'sweet old thing'."

"Papa, what was the Stone Age?"
"That was the glorious period, my son, when a man axed a woman to marry him."

"I've worked under the same boss for 20 years."

"I can beat that. It's my silver anniversary next week!"

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

Placed with a little sweetened water, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is easy to take, and almost instantly cures colic, and intense stomach pains, cramps, and intestinal disorders, and is a most effective remedy in all cases.

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RUMANIAN POLITICS.

THREATS OF CAROL INTRIGUES.

GOVERNMENT ACTION.

Berlin, Yesterday.
Rumania is again in the throes of a serious political crisis. According to reports from Budapest, Belgrade and Vienna direct communication with Bucharest is subject to strict censorship. Matters apparently have been brought to a head with the arrest of the ex-Minister, M. Manolescu for carrying letters and proclamations from Prince Carol, which the Government considered were intended to launch a movement to place Carol on the throne.

The Government "communiqué" says they will take the strictest measures to suppress such a movement and that Manolescu will be court-martialed and charged with endangering the security of the State.

A meeting of the Pensants' Party, which supports the Carol leaders, have declared that Rumania is in a state of revolution "caused by the ruling classes."—Reuter.

Carol's Statement.

Paris, Yesterday.
Prince Carol, interviewed, said the letters carried by Manolescu consisted of communications to leaders of political parties in Rumania, including the Prime Minister, Brătianu. These confirmed the statements he had previously made, but had not been permitted to circulate in Rumania.

It is alleged that notwithstanding this, the Rumanian Government published an announcement abroad saying that these statements produced no effect. Prince Carol argued that the arrest of Manolescu tended to show this was a movement in his favour.—Reuter.

TRADE IMPROVES.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS FROM HOME.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Federation of British Industries, representative of all the principal manufacturing trades of Great Britain, has prepared a forecast of the prospects for industry during the next three months. It shows a substantial increase in foreign orders in many trades and a better general outlook. The recent motor show has proved that there is considerable development abroad of the demand for British automobiles while in the motor cycle industry huge orders are reaching Britain from all parts of Europe as well as further afield. The manufacture and export of artificial silk products are increasing. Electrical engineering, chemicals, wireless apparatus and exports from Leicester and Nottingham, principally of boots and hosiery machinery, are among the trade showing substantial improvement.—British Wireless Service.

RELIEVED OF POST.

AMERICAN NAVAL SENSATION.

Washington, Yesterday.
Rear-Admiral Magruder, Commander of the Fourth Naval District and Commandant of Philadelphia Navy Yard has been relieved of his post and ordered to report to Mr. Wilbur, Secretary for the Navy.
It is reported that this action is due to a series of magazine articles, in which Rear-Admiral Magruder criticised the Navy Department.—Reuter's American Service.

FLIGHT HELD UP.

GERMAN MYSTERY NOW EXPLAINED.

Cologne, Yesterday.
The mysterious lack of news of Koennicke, since arriving at Bunderabass on October 6, has been cleared up by a letter from Count Solms, who is accompanying Koennicke. He states that the aeroplane made a forced landing owing to engine failure due to the abnormal heat. It struck a high tension wire and Solms sustained slight concussion and a fractured rib. Nevertheless he hoped to proceed to Persia, India and Japan with Koennicke.—Reuter.

MURDER AT SEA.

LIGHT SENTENCES FOR RUSSIANS.

Riga, Yesterday.
The Soviet Court at Odessa has sentenced the sailors Dashkevitch and Tyshkin to 18 and 6 months' imprisonment, respectively, for killing two officers and one seaman of the Egyptian steam "Ikhman", when the crew mutinied and forced the ship to proceed to Odessa "where workers are not exploited." The Court considered that although Dashkevitch and Tyshkin were severely provoked, they were not justified in killing the officers.

KOWLOON BUSES.

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on prices but he thought the bus then would have been worth something like \$800.
The question of top-heaviness was then raised by His Honour and comment passed as reported above.

Driver's Evidence.

After evidence had been given by witnesses for the plaintiff, Mr. Henry Leung, assistant comptroller of Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., stated that he tried to pass the bus several times but owing to the narrowness of the road he could not. When they came to a wider section he again attempted to pass the car, accelerating for this purpose. At the same time a coolie woman stepped out from the side of the road towards the car and he had to swerve to the left to avoid knocking the woman down. He came into collision with the bus as a result of the swerve. Owing to the suddenness with which the woman stepped out from the side of the road he could not have stopped his car in time to avoid her.

Mr. Russ suggested that if everyone adopted such tactics in swerving right out to avoid an accident there would be many more accidents happening on the roads. He contended that this did not affect the question of liability.

The defendant's evidence was corroborated by Mr. Leung Iukwan, a director of the Sun Company, who was a passenger in the car at the time.

Judgment Reserved.

This concluding the evidence, His Honour said that one of the points he wished to clear up before deciding the question of liability was the top-heaviness of the bus. Inspector Mason had stated that fully loaded the bus would be top-heavy and as such His Honour stated he would have to find that the bus was unsafe for traffic.

Mr. Russ thought that Inspector Mason had not gone so far as that. All he had said was that the bus might be top-heavy and blow over in cases of typhoon weather and that if a bus of this type hit anything it was more liable to turn over than a car of another and heavier make.

His Honour commented that he gathered from his evidence that if Inspector Mason had his own way he would not pass this car for traffic.

His Honour then went into the claim of the plaintiff and reduced the amount claimed. The amount allowed for loss of running the bus was \$200 a day instead of \$40. The total claim was reduced to \$484 and His Honour indicated that he would not as yet decide the question of liability. He would hear solicitors for both sides, if they so desired, at a later hearing and would himself consider the authorities regarding the position when a car which was stated by expert evidence to be unsuitable for road traffic was involved in a collision.

DESERT TRAVEL.

MOTORS NOW REPLACE CAMELS.

London, Yesterday.

The Ibn of Saud has deserted the camel for an £11,000 fleet of eight British motor-cars of polished aluminium in which to cross the desert and in which his travels will henceforth be made.

Two windowless motor car caravans are provided for the 24 ladies of his harem. The roof is made of opaque glass and the temperature cooled by means of electric fans. His bodyguard of 50 warriors will travel in a fast char-a-banc.—Reuter.

MOTOR EARNINGS.

AMERICAN COMPANY'S BIG INCREASE.

New York, Yesterday.

The keenest interest is shown in Wall Street in the report of the General Motors, Inc., for the first 9 months of 1927, showing net earnings of nearly \$200,000,000 more than for any nine months in its history and greater than the previous record earnings for the full year of 1926. The exact earnings were \$183,758,802 dollars.—Reuter's American Service.

BRITON RELEASED.

RANSOM PAID MEXICAN BANDITS.

Washington, Yesterday.

It is confirmed that Mitchell has been released, and it is believed the Amajac Corporation paid \$500 for his ransom.—Reuter's American Service.

[Mr. W. E. Mitchell, manager for the Amajac Corporation, was kidnapped by Mexican bandits some time ago.]

P1,000,000 FIRE.

CHINESE FOUND IN BUILDING ARRESTED.

CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN HIRED

The "Philippines Herald" of October 20 reports:—

Approximately P100,000 went up in smoke when a bodega occupied by a Chinese and two foreign firms at 516 Interior Calle Alvarado, Manila, was set on fire at 5.10 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The bodega is owned by Go Jacco of 214 Calle Rosario and occupied by F. K. Schnitzer and Walsh and Company.

Chua King-siong, 23, who was found inside the building when the fire started was placed under arrest. He was investigated at the secret service station until late last night. It is believed that another man is implicated with the burning of the bodega.

It was said that Chua King-siong was asked to set fire to the building by a man whom he did not know personally on the promise of reward. Chua King-siong was said to have admitted that he went into the building with the man who hired him, and when inside, he heard explosions. Flying flames caught his hair and the back of his coat which were both badly burned, he said.

The police were on the lookout for the man behind the scheme to burn the building. Until early this morning, no further arrest was made.

The bodega was valued at P25,000 and was insured for the same amount with Finley Richardson. The damage to the building was P25,000 and to the contents of the bodega occupied by Go Jacco, P20,000. The damage to the bodega occupied by Walsh and Company and F. K. Schnitzer was estimated at P10,000.

Four fire alarms were turned in by unknown persons. All the fire engines in Manila responded to the call. The fire was put out half an hour later.

Go Jacco said that the explosion was probably caused by the gasoline cans in the bodega occupied by him. He said that he kept gasoline inside his bodega for his car. At the time the fire broke out, there were 14 cans of gasoline in his bodega.

Daniel Dorby, watchman of the place, and his friend Maximino Pádon said that they were in front of the building when they heard the explosion. Almost of a sudden, the building was set on fire, they said.

DEVALI FESTIVAL.

LOCAL SILK MERCHANTS CELEBRATE.

Mr. Lekhrat A. Mahtani writes:—The Devali Festival of this year caused great interest among all the Indian silk merchants, who celebrated the festival at their Club premises in China Building last night and the previous day. It was a pleasure to see all the managers and employees joined together in the celebration, together with some Chinese merchants. This is the first time that all the Indian Silk Stores have jointly celebrated the festival, and it is hoped that they will do so on future occasions.

Bitten by a dog belonging to Mr. P. Lanigan of No. 2 Cox Path, Kowloon, a Chinese woman was yesterday taken to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment. The dog was removed to the Matakook Depot for observation.

Money and jewellery to the value of \$950 was reported stolen from the house of the owner of the Yuen Wo oyster beds, Deep Bay. The house, which is unnumbered, is situated in Sunwai village Pingshan district, and was broken into by robbers during the night. In the course of their search of the house, the intruders also found an automatic pistol and 18 rounds of ammunition, to which they helped themselves.

Intimation came through to Police Headquarters at noon to-day of a case of armed robbery and wounding on board fishing junk No. 2603HW near Kwongchauwan at 4 p.m. on October 24. Details of the affair are not yet available, but it is learned from the information sent through that the robbers got away with a quantity of money, jewellery and clothing after wounding five members of the fishing boat's crew, while a sixth man is reported missing.

COMFORT FOR THE AGED.

Old people are easily tired out and weakened by coughs. For them there is much comfort in a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It stops those weakening coughs that keep them awake nights and wear out their strength. Every one knows it contains no narcotics. More bottles are used each year than any other cough remedy.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE CALL OF THE CANYON" AT STAR.

A ZANE GREY STORY.

Adapted from a story by Zane Grey, the chief picture in the new continuous programme at the Star Theatre, has a double appeal, contrasting life in the big city with life in the great out-doors of Arizona. There are many comedy touches in the picture and it presents some beautiful scenery.

Richard Dix, Lois Wilson and Marjorie Daw have the leading roles, and the supporting cast is headed by Noah Beery, Ricardo Cortez, Fred Huntley and Lillian Leighton.

Coming from the pen of Zane Grey, it need hardly be said that the story of "The Call of the Canyon" is full of interest. There is at least one "thrill"—namely a desperate struggle between two powerful men during an Arizona sandstorm rivaling those of the Sahara in fury.

"MADAME SANS GENE"

"Madame Sans Gene," a notable film based on the stage success of the same name by Victorien Sardou and Emile Moreau, is the principal picture at all performances in the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday.

The story concerns a pretty little flirt who runs a laundry in a back street of Paris. Madame Sans Gene (Madame Devil May Care) they call her because of the free and easy manner in which she treats her customers—one of them Napoleon, not yet risen to fame.

The revolution brings about many changes, and as a result of Napoleon's rise, Madame Sans Gene becomes a duchess when the Emperor promotes her husband, formerly a sergeant, to the rank of a Marshal of France. Madame Sans Gene is still the little spitfire of the laundry, however, and the rest of the picture is taken up with her amusing adventures at court.

"Madame Sans Gene," which presents Gloria Swanson in the leading role, was filmed in France with the cordial co-operation of the Fine Arts Ministry of the French Government. The result is distinctly impressive.

THE D.B.S.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. D. Trafford who was an Assistant Master at the School from August 1920 to December 1925 will rejoin the Staff in April 1928. Mr. Trafford will teach science, English and Mathematics.

Twenty-five boys from the Diocesan Boys' School have been entered for the Hong Kong University Matriculation Examination in December and 21 boys for the Junior Examination.

The new covered playground is well on its way to completion and will be of great use for general assemblies, physical drill etc. Since the School moved to its temporary premises it has not had a place in which the whole School could meet together at one time.

The Rev. H. du T. Fyner has supervised the making of an Altar for the Chapel; fittings have been purchased in England, and an altar has been made locally, and the Chapel is now used for private devotions. Later, when the fittings are complete, there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion during Term time.

In games the School has been very active recently in Association Football, Cricket and Tennis. Games with the Troops have been encouraged and the boys are being put on their mettle. The School is divided into four Houses, Brown, Blue, Yellow and Green. Inter-House Games and Sports are being arranged for November.

The fourth and last payment of School fees for the School year is due on Tuesday, November 1. This is a good time for new boys to join the School. Annual School Examinations take place at the end of November and promotions will be made on Monday, December 5. There are only two days holidays at Christmas and at English New Year. Chinese New Year is on January 22, and the Chinese New Year holidays will be from about Friday, January 19, to about Thursday, February 9.

LET'S GET MARRIED.

At the Queen's Theatre there is now showing a real comic picture called "Let's Get Married," featuring Richard Dix. Here we get the frolics of a young man about town, to which are added various love adventures. In the same programme, there is a Pathé comedy.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Let's Get Married."
To-day—Mr. R. Salisbury's "Quaints" present "The Blue Train," at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Musicals at the Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
To-day—World Theatre; "Madame Sans Gene."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Call of the Canyon."
To-day—Informal dance at "Cheer 'O," 7 p.m.

October 28—Concert at "Cheer 'O," 7 p.m.
October 28-29—The Quaints present "Oh Joy" at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

October 28—Farewell dinner and social by 10th Field Ambulance at Diocesan Boys' school.
October 28-29—Queen's Theatre; "The Tower of Lies."

October 30—The Quaints present "No, No, Nanette" at the Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

October 30-31—Queen's Theatre; "So This Is Marriage?"
October 30-31—World Theatre; "Along Came Ruth."

October 30-31—Star Theatre; "Looking For Trouble."
November 1-5—Queen's Theatre; "Michael Strogoff."

November 1-2—World Theatre; "Dark Angel."
November 1-2—Star Theatre; "The Splendid Crime."

November 3-5—World Theatre; "Triumph."
November 3-5—Star Theatre; "New Brooms."

Sports.
To-day—Steel and Coulson's Billiard League: D.R.C. v. R.A.; R.E. and R. Sigs. v. K.O.S.B.; Warders v. St. Patrick's Club.

October 28—Ping Pong: H.K.U. v. T. Institute at C.C.Y.M.S.
October 28—Whist drive at the Y.M.C.A. Building, Kowloon, 7 p.m.

October 28—Local soccer: China Squadron football team v. Queen's Regt., Dockyard ground, 4.15 p.m.

October 29—Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C. Sports on Central British School ground, King's Park, Kowloon, 2 p.m.

October 29—First Boxing Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

November 5—Annual Athletic sports meeting of the H.K.V.D.C., K.C.C. ground, Kowloon.

November 5—Seventh extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

November 9—Eighty bi-annual "Trevesa Trophy" race for ship's lifeboats, 4 p.m.

December 3—Autumn meeting of the Fanning Hunt.

Lammer's Auctions.
October 28—At 514, The Peak, (Magazine Gap) Barker Road, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

November 2—Miscellaneous goods, 250 cases beer and cement stored in godowns at the K.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 10 a.m.

Meetings.
October 29—Twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Grand Hotel Des Wagons Lits Ltd., Exchange Bldg., noon.

October 29—Half yearly meeting of members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club in the Jockey Club Room, Hong Kong Club annex, 12.30 p.m.

October 30—Men's Meeting at the "Cheer 'O," 7.45 p.m.

November 2—Fifth yearly meeting of shareholders of Sandakan Light & Power Co. (1922), Ltd., St. George's Building, Chater Road, 12.30 p.m.

November 4—Meeting of the Licensing Board, in the Council Chamber, noon.

Miscellaneous.
October 28—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

October 28—Public lecture on "The New Europe & The League of Nations" by Prof. C. K. Webster, in the Great Hall of the University, 5 p.m.

October 30—Social gathering in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m.

November 12—St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club garden fete.

November 17—Vice-President and Committee of the Victoria Diocesan Association "At Home" to members and their friends at Helena May Institute.

November 23—Laying of foundation stone of the new Wanchai Wesleyan building.

A Chinese named Li Sze was this morning charged at the Central Magistracy by Detective Sergeant Baker with the unlawful possession without a licence from the Captain Superintendent of Police, of two Luger pistols, two spare magazines, one magazine, fitting, which might be converted into a machine gun, and 651 rounds of pistol ammunition.

The hearing of the case was fixed for 12.15 to-morrow when both Mr. R. E. Lindell and Major C. Willson will be on the bench.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Two deserters from the Nationalist 1st army at Shanghai were executed, being shot by a firing party at their base outside Lungwa.

A Social Gathering will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall, on Sunday next, October 30, after Evensong (6 p.m.). A cordial welcome will be extended to all Service men and others. There will be music and light refreshments.

As the result of a request by the Municipal Council of Dugny the aeronautical authorities, in conjunction with the French Ministry of War, have decided that the aerodrome of Le Bourget shall in future be called the aerodrome of Le Bourget Dugny.

At to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Head of the Sanitary Department was appointed to exercise all the duties in connection with the issue of eating-house licences which were under the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, vested in the Treasurer, other than the receipt of fees for such licences, which fees shall be paid to the Treasurer on or before the issue of the licences.

Tenants who vacated premises before the notice to quit of their landlord expired were awarded judgment in the Summary Court yesterday when the landlord claimed against them for the whole of the period during which they were under notice. It was successfully claimed for the defence (represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ) that it had been understood that if the tenants vacated before the stated time, no claim for rent would be made against them.

An echo of the sensational tobacco tax stamp forgery when a plot to forge 6,000,000 stamps was discovered by the Shanghai Municipal police was heard when K. Koyangi, the Japanese printer who was arrested at the time on the allegation that he printed the stamps, was charged at the Japanese Consular Court. He was discharged on the grounds that he did not know he was doing wrong when the order for printing was given to him, the Japanese newspaper report. He was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment for violating conditions of his printing licence.

The sneak thief who was sent to jail by Mr. W. Schofield for snatching a gold bangle from the wrist of a Chinese baby which was being carried off the s.s. "Talamia" by its father, made a daring attempt to regain his freedom while he was being taken to the Victoria Jail to serve his term. He managed to slip his handcuffs when actually at the prison gate, and jumping over a wall, he dropped some 20 feet into Arbutnot Road. He was exceptionally lucky to escape serious injury, and led his captors an exciting chase along Hollywood Road and down Pottinger Street. He was recaptured just before reaching Wellington Street, and taken back to the jail without further trouble.

A remarkable Green temple was discovered by excavators at the foot of a hill near the Velio ruins. It is 2,400 years old, and unique in grandeur.

Knocked down by a tramcar near Tinlok Lane, Happy Valley yesterday, a Chinese received very severe injuries to his head, from which he died soon after admission to the Government Civil Hospital.

Local estate amounting to \$6,000 was left by Wong Mun-cho, of 9 Fuk On Street, Canton, letters of administration in respect of whose estate have been granted to his son, Wong Fuk, a merchant, residing at 130 Connaught Road, Central.

Communist propaganda has made its re-appearance in Shanghai industrial districts. Communist posters, bearing the following inscription, were displayed on the walls at Dalny and Bai-kai Roads: "Down with the Unification Committee of Shanghai Labour Unions! Support the General Labour Union!"

Once again a fruit hawkker has been instrumental in the arrest of a luggage thief, a gang of which appear to make it a habit to board ships on their arrival in port and pick up anything that they could lay their hands on. This thief was caught on board the s.s. "Sai On" in the act of stealing some clothing from the basket of a Chinese female passenger. The hawkker seized the man and handed him over to the police. He was taken before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday and was sentenced to three months' jail, as a previous conviction was proved against him.

A Chinese youth and an aged man were yesterday charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the theft of a leather suitcase worth \$15.50 from Messrs. Bakilly and Company in Des Voeux Road Central. The boy in whose possession the bag was found said that he was induced to take the bag by the old man who covered up his action with a large bamboo hat and afterwards gave him 25 cents to pay ricksha hire to take the bag to Causeway Bay where he was to wait for the old man. The boy was ordered to receive ten strokes with a stout cane, while the old man was sent to jail for three months.

The war of propaganda goes on in Shanghai. Specimens of two different kinds of paper slips, bearing the following inscriptions, which were thrown from a tramcar going along Chekiang Road on Wednesday read: "All rights are vested in the Chinese Kuomintang and all benefits should be given to the Chinese people," and "Support the Nationalist Government in completing the anti-Northern expedition, and support the Central Special Executive Committee." Both specimens purport to emanate from the propaganda department of the Shanghai Special District Kuomintang headquarters.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The resignation of his commission in the S.S.V.F. by Second-Lieutenant (Acting Captain) J. Taylor, M.C., has been accepted.

Mr. M. A. V. Allen, Warden of Mines, Selangor, and Mr. J. B. Humman, of the F.M.S. Railways, are due back from home leave by the "Kashmir."

Mr. F. W. Chessman, the Indian representative of Evans, Sons, Liescher and Webb, Ltd., was among the killed in the Sevenoaks railway tragedy.

Mr. Francis Hugh Stonehewer-Bird has been appointed his Majesty's Agent at Jeddah and Consul for the Eastern Coast of the Red Sea, to reside at Jeddah.

Mr. S. H. Langston, who has been gazetted as District Officer, Kuala Kangsar, will remain in Lower Perak as District Officer there until he goes on leave in March.

By the N.Y.K. mail steamer "Katori Maru," from Singapore on the 29th inst., the Consul-General for Portugal, accompanied by his wife and his granddaughter, will go to Portugal on six months' leave. By the same boat the Very Reverend A. A. Cardoso, Vicar General of the Portuguese Missions in Singapore and Malacca, will also go to Portugal on leave.

The King of the Belgians must find it almost a hopeless job to please all his subjects at once. The Socialists grudge him an adjustment of his Civil List, the police persecute him for exceeding the speed limit, and now the Clerical press is attacking him in measured but unmistakable terms for his behaviour at Ypres. It appears that he made no mention of Almighty God in his speech and omitted to cross himself at the moment when the monument was unveiled to the British dead at the Menin Gate. These may seem trifles, but the rivalry between Belgian Catholics and free-thinking

Diwan Bahadur Rangachariar, who has been touring in Australia, has returned to Madras.

It is understood Sir Ronald McNeill, who succeeds Viscount Cecil as the Chancellor of the Exchequer.



Duchy of Lancaster and takes a seat in the Cabinet, will be raised to the peerage and will speak for the Foreign Office in the House of Lords.—British Wireless Service.

Dr. Wong Pau-seng, an old and respected Chinese resident of Sitawan, passed away a few days ago. He was the pastor of the Chinese congregation at Kampong Koh soon after its inception 25 years ago and has been living in retirement for some years. He gave generously to the fine church which is being erected at Kampong Koh. The funeral service will be held in this building on Saturday.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, and Miss Soume Chen, Chief Judge of the Shanghai Procure Court, have returned to Shanghai from a visit to Nanking.

A Paris correspondent reports that grayhound racing with the electric hare and pari-mutuel betting will be started in France early in 1928 if the Bill before the Senate authorising the extension of betting to dog racing is adopted.

Moscow inaugurated the all Union Congress of Working and Peasant Women members of the local Soviets on the 10th current. It is said over 900 delegates attended, and welcoming speeches were made by Kallinin, Bukharin, Voresbittov and others.

The Great Western Railway, in addition to sending the first of the latest type locomotives, King George V., to the centenary exhibition of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, have shipped to the United States the reconstructed old broadgauge engine North Star, to show the progress made in the English locomotive since the earliest days of railways.

A motor car in which six local Chinese students were joy-riding to Kowloon Bay yesterday, struck a rock while going through Markong district. This resulted in the front part of the car being badly smashed, and one of the students who was riding beside the driver was seriously injured, while two others received slight cuts. The driver of the car was exceptionally lucky to escape without injury. How the large rock came to be in the way of the car, and how the driver failed to observe it is the subject of police investigation.

Booking is now open at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre for the season of three nights to be given by the popular musical comedy company, the Quaints, beginning at 9.15 to-morrow night, Friday, October 28, with the big London success "Oh Joy." This entertaining piece will be repeated on Saturday night, and the season will be brought to a close on Sunday night with the famous musical comedy "No, No, Nanette." During the season of the Quaints the Star Theatre orchestra will be specially augmented. Prices of admission are \$4, \$2 and \$1.

Scotland Yard is preparing to cope with five expert safebreakers who are reported by the United States Detective Department to be on their way to this country, says a Home paper of mail week. They are not strangers to England. Last year the safe in a shop in Woodstock Street, Oxford Street, was drilled and £10,000 worth of diamonds taken, and the robbery was attributed to two of the gang. On that occasion they left behind a drill attached to a steering wheel, a device hitherto unknown to Scotland Yard. An officer from Scotland Yard has already been placed in charge of the preliminary inquiries, and the services of the Special Branch officers at the ports will be enlisted.

Lieut. W. H. Findlay, M.C., S.S.V.F., has been appointed Acting Captain while in command of the Chinese Company, Malacca V.F.

Messrs. K. Krishnan and P. Narayanan, of the Railway Construction Department, stationed in Kelantan, have returned from a holiday in India.

Major F. H. Geake, formerly assistant chemist at the Government Laboratory, is returning East to a post in Singapore, says the "Bangkok Times."

The marriage of Mr. Ung Guan Hoe, Company Sergeant-Major of the Chinese Company, P. and F.W.V.C., to Miss Khoo Heng Yean, sister of Mr. Khoo Heng Klong, of Kuala Lumpur, took place in Penang.

A public lecture will be given in the Great Hall of the University on Friday, October 28 (to-morrow) by Professor C. K. Webster, Wilson Professor of International Politics, University of Wales, and formerly Fellow of King's College Cambridge, on "The new Europe and the League of Nations."

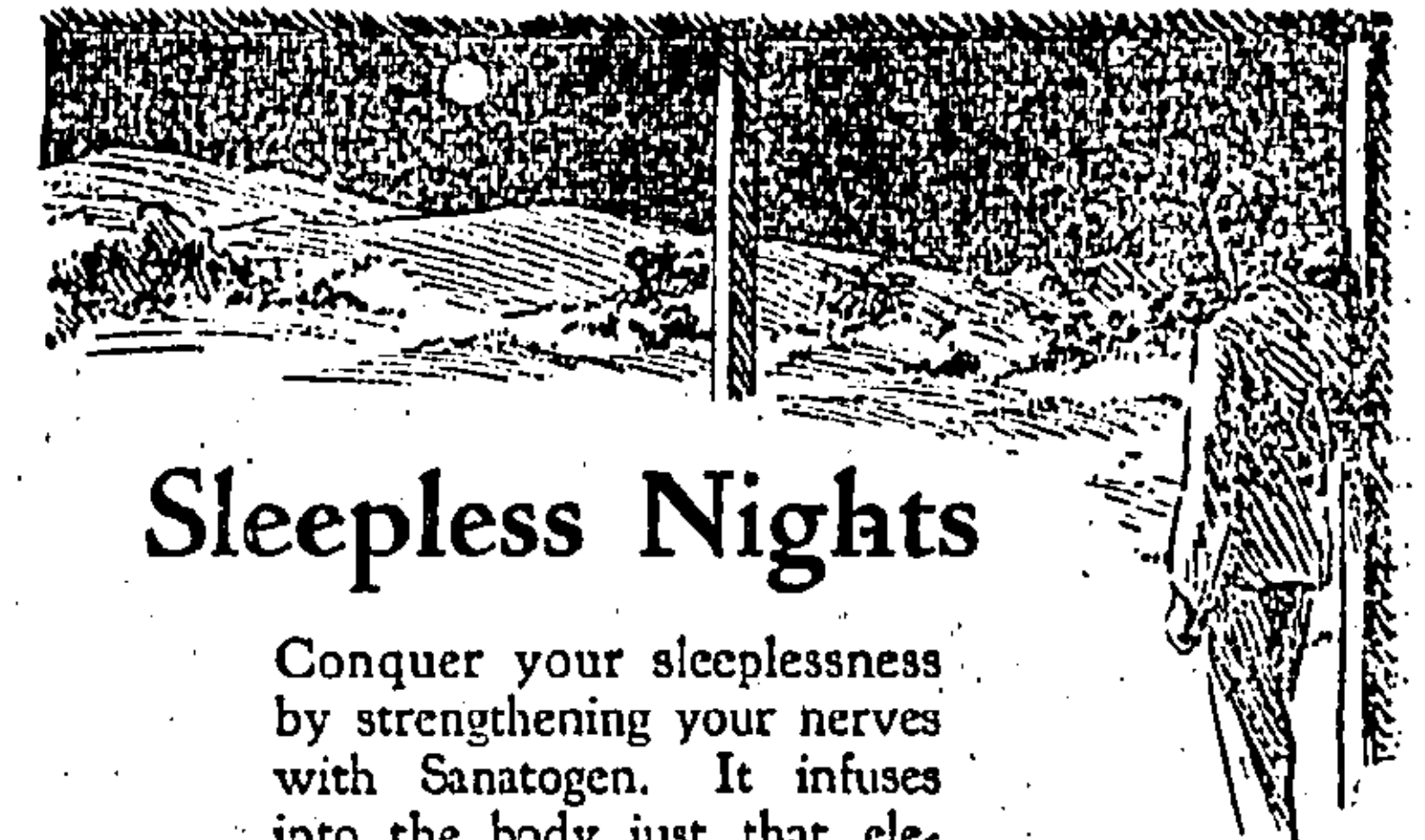
The funeral of the Marquess of Cambridge, the Queen's brother, will take place at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on Saturday and will be private in character. Only members of the Royal Family, relatives and a few intimate friends will attend. The King and Queen will return from Sandringham to London on Friday afternoon and go to Windsor for the funeral on Saturday. During the service the pathway within the precincts of Windsor Castle will be lined by Life Guards, the deceased's old regiment.

As the Marquis held the official position of Governor of Windsor Castle, the Military Knights of Windsor will attend the funeral service in their quaint uniforms. A memorial service will be held in the Chapel of the Royal

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The big event in South China during the week—one overshadowing wars and rumours of war—has been the shelling of the merchant ship "Irene" after it had been seized by pirates in the vicinity of Bias Bay. A British submarine carried out the action, rescuing most of the passengers and crew of the vessel (together with the pirates). The full story as supplied officially and as collected by our outside staff, appears in this week's issue of the "Overland." The accounts make graphic reading and have been so arranged that the affair is presented in proper sequence. Police court proceedings against the suspected pirates are also reported in the "Overland."

Hostilities in the north between Shansi and Chang Tso-lin have given way to open warfare between the two Nationalist factions on the Yangtze, the Wuhaners and Nanking-ites, and the latter are having the better of matters.

Full local news, social, sporting and commercial, appears in the "Overland."

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SPORTS

LOCAL HOCKEY.

"IRELAND" DEFEATS "ENGLAND."

In a friendly hockey match amongst naval men "Ireland" defeated "England" by two goals to nil.

Ireland was represented by: Kelly, Carroll, Cooke, Halywood, McGeoghan, O'Callaghan, Mahoney, Hogan, Evans, Vincent.

England was represented by: Hughes, Seers, Rothwell, Palmer, Taylor, Drouin, Chadwick, Taylor, E. R. A. Calvert, Bunting, Buchanan.

The game was started with great vigour, and Mahoney cleared, in great style and was eventually pulled up for "sticks". The foul gave the English side a start up field, but their centre forward was easily beaten by the Irish goal keeper, "Darby" Kelly.

Play was fairly fast during this time. Vincent eventually broke through and with a mighty swipe opened the score for the Irish side. Play afterwards was touch and go until another break away. Towards the end of the first half, the Irish side through pretty work by O'Callaghan and Halywood, increased the score to two, nil.

Half time, Ireland 2, England 0. The second half of the game was rather tame. The Irish playing on the defensive. Cooke and Carroll were exceptional and the half back line worked like trojans, although short of one man. O'Callaghan excelled in his position as outside right.

The English side were very clever, but were continuously frustrated by the Irish defence. Buchanan did some pretty work for the English side, but had no help from his inside right.

Result:—Ireland 2, England 0.

LADIES' TENNIS.

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

The Committee of the Ladies' Recreation Club will be at Home to members and their friends at the Club ground, Peak Road, on Wednesday afternoon, November 9. The hard court tennis finals will be played off the same afternoon, commencing at 3 p.m.

LOCAL SOCCER.

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Two Division 1 games were contested yesterday between Army sides and resulted in wins for the K.O.S.B., who defeated the Scots Guards by two goals to one, and the Royal Artillery, who beat the R.A.F. by a similar score.

The former was a very close game, and the Guards were, if anything, unlucky to lose. Both sides scored once in the first half. The other match was more or less even, with the Gunners leading by one goal at the interval.

KOWLOON 1ST XI v. R.A.F.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 1st XI in their League Match versus the R.A.F. on Saturday, October 29, 1927, kick off 4.30 p.m. on Kowloon ground:—

Wood, Dodson, Cavellie, Hedley, Sims or Jones, Baldwin, Pile, May, Vickers, Miles, and Muir.

KOWLOON RES. v. ST. JOSEPHS.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Reserves in their League Match versus St. Josephs on Saturday, October 29, 1927, kick off 3 p.m. on St. Joseph's ground:—

Angus (Senr.), Bliss, Paseo, Nicholls, Hartley, Duncan, Reed Spary, Easterbrook, Coates, and Eastman.

KOWLOON "B" v. CHINA ATHLETIC.

The following will represent Kowloon:—

Urquhart, Cowherd, Roberts, Frenaux, Dunnott, Blacklock, Evans, Thomas, Cave, Ross, Murphy. Reserves: Murphy and Sapsed.

DAVIS CUP PLANS.

New York, Oct. 15.

The 1928 Davis Cup challenge round in which France will defend her newly won tennis laurels, probably will start July 29 at Paris, six weeks earlier than this year and previous years when it has been held in the United States. This information was disclosed by M. Pierre Gillou, Captain of the victorious French team.—Associated Press.

HARBOUR RACE.

RESULT OF MILITARY EVENT.

31 COMPETITORS.

Thirty-one competitors faced the starter in the military harbour race which took place yesterday afternoon, the course being from the railway pier to the R.A.S.C. camber. Out of this number only four gave up the race in midstream. Lieut. R. Q. F. Johnson, who won this event last year had also entered for yesterday's race, but on account of illness was unable to compete. Yesterday's race was won by Lieut. Norris who took second place last year. His time was 1min. 20.3-seconds, more than that set by Lieut. Johnson last year (30mins. 1-5secs.). Norris took the lead right from the start and, swimming strongly, quickly drew away from the rest. He was never hard pressed throughout the race and won quite comfortably.

Amongst the interested spectators were:—Lt. Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major J. Macready, D.S.O., Major F. C. Roberts, V.C., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Lt. Johnson, Lt. Col. W. C. P. Russell, D.S.O., Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, Capt. Chester, and Col. C. Russell Brown, D.S.O.

The first six competitors to reach the R.A.S.C. camber were:—

1. Lt. Norris, 12th Heavy Battery, R.A., 31mins. 20.4-5 secs.
2. Pte. Faulkner, 2nd Bn., K.O.S.B., 33mins. 55.3-5secs.
3. Bdr. Pullford, 31st Heavy Battery, R.A., 35mins. 27secs.
4. Gnr. Bowden, 31st Heavy Battery, R.A., 37mins. 32.4-5 secs.
5. Gds. Milne, Scots Guards, 38 mins. 14secs.
6. Pte. Kendall, 2nd Bn., K.O.S.B., 38mins. 14secs.

The following completed the course, their names being given in the order in which they came in:—

Dvr. Reglar, Gds. Cameron, Scots Guards, Gds. Purdie, Scots Guards, L.-Cpl. Rosenthal, 2nd Battalion, K.O.S.B., Gnr. Cornish, 16th Light Battery, R.A., L.-Bdr. Branson, 4th Light Brigade, R.A., Spr. Williams, R.E. Gds. Daly, Scots Guards, Gds. Self, Scots Guards, L.-Cpl. Humphries, Scots Guards, Pte. Kirk, "Y" General Hospital, Gds. Hunt, Scots Guards, Pte. Mickle, "Y" General Hospital, L.-Cpl. Hills, Scots Guards, L.-Cpl. Weston, Scots Guards, Gds. Crossland, Scots Guards, Spr. Rimell, R.E., Dvr. Watson, 4th Light Brigade, R.A., Gds. Robertson, Scots Guards, Pte. Birch, "Y" General Hospital.

Prior to the distribution of prizes, H.E. Major-General Luard congratulated Bdr. Norris on his win and expressed regret that Lt. Johnson was unable to compete in the race. He commented on the large number of entries and hoped that next year there would be even more. He mentioned that the Challenge Cup was presented by the East Surrey Regiment to encourage this Annual Army Harbour Race.

Three cheers for His Excellency after he had given away the prizes concluded the proceedings. All the twenty-seven received a prize each.



The phenomenal Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., whose genius during the American attack in the second game of a series between the U. S. Big Four and the British Army-in-India polo team, helped greatly in winning the international polo championship.

"BIG" BASEBALL.

JOHNSON MAY GO TO NEWARK.

Newark, N. J., Oct. 16.

The Newark "Sunday Call" says that Paul Block, newspaper publisher and recent purchaser of the Newark team of the International League, will make Walter Johnson, veteran big league pitcher, an offer to become manager of the team next season. Details of the offer were not disclosed. Johnson resigned from the Washington Americans yesterday for the announced purpose of entering business.—A.P.

LOCAL CRICKET.

ARMY DEFEATS ROYAL NAVY.

WIN FOR ENGINEERS.

The Army defeated the Navy in a single innings game on the Club ground yesterday by 22 runs. Details:—

Royal Navy.

Lt. Garrett, c Erskine, b Dobbie 8
Lt. Hunt, R.M., b Melsome 4
Lt. Cdr. Agnew, c Graham, b Melsome 0
Surg.-Cdr. Hull, run out 0
Pay.-Cdr. Elstob, c and b Melsome 4
Lt. Dale, l.b.w., b Dobbie 64
Lt. Davies, b Melsome 2
Eng.-Cdr. Spalding, b Freshwater 0
Lt. Tate, c Playfair, b Melsome 15
Pay.-Lt. Cdr. Shaw, not out 2
A. B. Fogarty, b Dobbie 13
Extras: byes 9, l.b. 4. 13

Total 113

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dobbie	8	1	22	3
Melsome	16	5	44	5
Erskine	5	0	19	0
Freshwater	5	2	9	1
Hankey	1	0	6	0

Army.

Lt. Col. Barber, c Fogarty, b Garrett 18
Lt. Hankey, c Tate, b Dale 15
Capt. Graham, b Garrett 14
Major Playfair, c and b Garrett 0
Capt. Morris, c Agnew, b Spalding 8
Lt. Melsome, c and b Spalding 17
Capt. Dobbie, c Davies, b Dale 3
Capt. Erskine, c Hull, b Spalding 24
Capt. Bridgeland, c Hull, b Garrett 15
Capt. Thorp, c Fogarty, b Garrett 19
Sergt. Freshwater, not out 0
Extras: byes 9, l.b. 3. 12

Total 135

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Spalding	16	3	53	3
Dale	5	1	13	2
Garrett	16.2	5	52	5

56TH CO., R.E. v. D.B.S.

The 56th Co., R.E., won easily in their match on Tuesday against the D.B.S. on the Club de Recreo ground. The D.B.S. batted first and were six wickets down for 47 when a collapse occurred and they

ended with 10 for 47. The Engineer scored 119 and thus won by 72 runs. Scores:—

Diocesan Boys' School.
D. J. N. Anderson, l.b.w., b Horspool 1
W. H. Kwan, c and b Dare 3
A. T. Lee, st. Brown, b Horspool 0
F. R. Zimmern, l.b.w., b Dare 1
J. L. Young Saye, c Kellett, b Horspool 27
A. S. A. Kyum, c Playfair, b Horspool 2
J. A. Fisher, c Kellett, b Horspool 2
F. K. Lee, not out 0
G. A. Lee, b Horspool 0
A. Prata, l.b.w., b Horspool 0
Extras 11

Total 47

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Horspool	16	7	17	8
Dare	15	8	19	2

56th Co., R.E.

Sergt. Brown, c F. K. Lee, A. T. Lee 4
Dare, l.b.w., b Kwan 0
Lieut. Kellett, b A. T. Lee 10
Horspool, c Anderson, b A. T. Lee 6
Major Playfair, b J. L. Young Saye 48
Sap. Barton, c and b R. Lee 8
Lindsay, not out 24
Saltar, c F. K. Lee, b Anderson 4
Dannett, st. F. K. Lee, b Young Saye 0
Corpl. Pritchard, b Anderson 1
Gibson, c A. T. Lee, b Anderson 0
Extras 14

Total 119

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. T. Lee	10	5	34	3
W. H. Kwan	5	1	21	1
R. Lee	9	3	22	1
D. Anderson	9	1	14	3
J. L. Young Saye	4	0	14	2

I.R.C. (B) v. D.B.S.

In the above friendly match to be played on the I.R.C. Ground at 5.15 p.m. sharp on Saturday, October 29, the following will represent the I.R.C.:

Sirdar Khan (capt.), M. P. Madar, Pritam, I. Hassan, V. T. Mans, U. T. Thad, D. Mohamad, A. Rahmin, N. M. Bux, R. Nazarin, and S. A. Hussain.

VOLUNTEERS v. J. L. YOUNGSAYE'S XI.

On Sunday, October 30, on the University ground, Pokfulam, starting at 11 a.m. The Volunteers will be represented by H. T. Buxton, E. C. Fincher, J. R. Hinton, S. Jex, G. P. Lammert, O. Moor, H. S. Parker (Captain), A. Reid, J. A. Summers, C. D. Wales and M. M. Watson.

A bus will leave the Hong Kong Cricket Club at 10.30 a.m.

DEAD HEAT.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE RESULT.

OUTSIDERS' VICTORY.

London, Yesterday.
The Cambridgeshire resulted in a dead heat between Medal (20/1) and Nicanic (25/1).
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WORLD CHESS.

TWENTIETH GAME DRAWN.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.
The 20th game between Alekhine and Capablanca in the world's chess championship was drawn after 43 moves.—Reuter's American Service.

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SALT FISHERMEN'S PRIVATE STREET.

An interesting decision was given by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning in which the masters of a number of salt fish shops, Nos. 1 to 24 Muifong Street, were summoned for obstruction by packing salt fish in the street.

Mr. M. K. Lo who appeared for the defence, argued that the street was a private one by virtue of the fact that all the houses there had been bought by salt fish dealers expressly for carrying on the salt fish business, and it was therefore not necessary to obtain permission to use the pavement for the purposes of the business.

In giving his decision, Major Willson said that his view was that authority to use the pavement might be given in such a case by a private individual to tenants of the houses to obstruct the pavement to the extent at present existing. He therefore dismissed the summonses.



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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

EYESIGHT & PRINT.

THE SEAMY SIDE OF READING.

Professor J. Arthur Thomson, writes in "John O' London's Weekly":—

Taking 1,000 boys from one London school, Professor Karl Pearson found nine whose want of sphericity in the outer surface of the eye was so great that they would certainly fail to see the blackboard effectively. "No palaeolithic man could have survived with that vision; he could not have seen his game nor stalked and killed it." Two hundred and twenty-two boys of that school (22.5 per cent.) had a deficient acuity such as would have made it very hard, probably impossible, for palaeolithic man to survive. "Thus 22.5 per cent. of this modern population would in all probability have perished in palaeolithic times."

No one who knows anything about eyes would suggest that the want of sphericity in the surface of the cornea is due to over-reading or to reading bad print, for the defect appears to be a "congenital" character, born with the person. That is to say, it is not due to any peculiarity in habits or surroundings; it is an outcrop of some mysterious deficiency in the vigour or the completeness of the germinal inheritance. This much-laboured distinction is of great importance, for if an eye defect arises as an individual modification (or "acquired character"), the direct result of some deteriorative peculiarity in surroundings, nutrition, or function, the likelihood of its being hereditarily entailed is, so far as we know, very slight; whereas if it is of germinal origin the probability of its transmission is great. But while we do not think of referring an eye defect like corneal astigmatism or like short-sightedness to reading overmuch bad print, we think that there are convincing reasons for paying more attention to the legibility of what we read.

Governmental Inquiry.

Under the auspices of the Medical Research Council an inquiry has been made by Mr. R. L. Fyke (Special Report, No. 110, His Majesty's Stationery Office.) into the legibility of printed matter, and the results concern all who read a great deal and wish to conserve their eyes. The inquiry has proved to be far more complex than was expected at the start, and the net result is somewhat disappointing. But there are some useful practical considerations.

The main difficulty lies in the number of implicated factors before one gets to grips with those that are typographical in the strict sense. Thus, in experiments account has to be taken of the state and previous history of the eyes; of the illumination; of the individual variation in attention and uptake; of habituation and interest. How difficult it must be to make comparative experiments when these variable preliminary physiological and psychological factors have to be attended to!

Points to Consider.

But suppose we eliminate the variability of the reader, the question to be faced is: What constitutes legibility? Here we have to consider the faces of the type, the spacing, the length of line, the indentation, the margin, the serifs (the projections at the upper or lower ends of the main-strokes of a letter), the leads (thin strips of metal used in separating lines of type and increasing the amount of white between them), the rivers (channels of white space that catch the eye, running down the page), the punctuation, the colour of the ink, the quality of the paper, and much more besides. Mr. Fyke has most carefully analysed and experimented with eighteen typographical factors. It may be noted that the subjects used in the experiments had their sight tested by an expert, had no knowledge of psychology (a quaint advantage), could not compare notes, and were not told more than that the object of the experiments was to discover what kind of print was most legible.

There appears to be general agreement that the ideal type is "simple, fairly broad, with fairly thick limbs, but not too much contrast in thickness and thinness, and with fairly wide spacing." If science begins with measurement, it is obviously no more than an

approximate scientific conclusion that has that tiresome word "fairly" thrice in one sentence! But by making a series of fulfilling the general conditions, it was found possible by experiment to distinguish the best and the worst. Yet it looks as if "extremely large typographical differences must be present before it is possible to say that there is any difference in the objective legibility of types."

We must notice the word "objective," for a type that the experimental subject is accustomed to may be more legible to him than an objectively better type that is novel; and a type that happens to suit your psychological organization and is therefore very legible to you, may not commend itself to me.

A Reading Age.

1. This is a reading age; and most of us read far too much and think far too little. It is a terribly true reproach that modern education is turning out a product that can cerebrate in the presence of print only. Yet, the truth is that, except for bread and butter purposes (a big exception), "the three R's" are quite unessential—now especially in these days when we can all "listen in." Why should we read? Many clever University students never read at all for their Pass Degree.

2. But if we are going to be readers—and reading is, for frail human nature, the greatest safeguard in life, as well as perhaps the greatest enrichment—then by all means let us have legibility. It is a straw that shows how the wind is blowing that the Medical Research Council should regard it as an important inquiry to discover what print is most legible. Science is for life.

Beauty and Legibility.

3. The remedy for publications with blurred letters, grey ink, wobbly lines, woolly paper, and so on, is in our own hands. Don't read 'em, and they will die, to the relief of us all. More positively, let us express our love of an aesthetically beautiful page by buying it. In nine cases out of ten, what it has to say will be worthy of its beauty. We are not suggesting that the beautiful archaic typography is what we want nowadays, but within certain limits we submit that the more beautiful letters, lines, and pages will be the more legible. Aim at beauty and you will hit legibility.

U.S. PUBLISHER'S SUIT.

BOOKSELLER ACCUSED OF INFRINGING COPYRIGHT.

A suit for the recovery of \$10,000 in damages has been instituted against Baltazar Mariano, printer, Manila, by the John Winston Company of Philadelphia for infringement of copyright.

The complaint alleges that Baltazar Mariano has been and is still printing copies of the "Rizal Primer" and "Seat Work," two books which were originally published at Philadelphia by the plaintiff company. The copyright to these two texts, the complaint alleges, are duly registered in the Philippine Library and Museum by the plaintiff company.

Besides the damages sought by the plaintiff company, the court is petitioned to enjoin Baltazar Mariano from printing copies of the books in the future.

MEMORIES OF "ALICE"

Long before "Alice" and "The Mad Hatter" were born Lewis Carroll ran a little magazine on his own account (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer).

It was called "The Rectory Umbrella," and was issued from the Rectory at Croft, Yorkshire. The Rev. Charles Dodgson was rector of Croft for some years, and "Lewis Carroll" spent much of his boyhood there.

He contributed a good many pieces to "The Rectory Umbrella," and, though I have never seen a copy, I imagine that a full set would be a quite interesting proposition to the bibliophile.

It is probable that Alice had the first elements of her being at Croft. It is more than possible that Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, the boy who became Lewis Carroll, sometimes took a shadowy Alice to listen to his father's sermon in the church—"the last parish church in Yorkshire as you go to cross the Tees towards Darlington."

"WOODEN WALLS."

THE FOREST AND THE BRITISH SHIP.

A peculiar, but important, phase of Britain's supremacy on the sea has lately been dealt with by Dr. R. G. Albion, of Harvard University, in a treatise on "Forests and Sea Power." Obviously this country could have had no navy nor could she have established colonies all over the globe if she had lacked timber for building her ships. Dr. Albion tells us here how the vessels used in our maritime ventures were provided and maintained throughout the long period during which they were constructed of wood. We began by building them of oak, and ended by working into them many kinds of wood. The value of our plantations in America was largely due to their supplies of timber for this purpose, and our anxiety to preserve by diplomacy and otherwise, the balance of power in the Baltic sprang mainly from the fear lest any rival should obtain control of the sources of material in that region.

Strange to say, the years during which the British Navy was most in danger of being crippled for want of good timber were those of Trafalgar and the Napoleonic wars. Through carelessness on the Admiralty's part, much of the timber that had been accumulated after the American War of Independence had been used up without replenishment of the stores, and our naval constructors had to utilize wood that had been cut when full of sap and had not been properly kept, so that it was infested with the germs of dry rot when built into the ships. There is little doubt that the loss of Admiral Troubridge, who disappeared in the Indian Ocean, was due to his ship's falling in pieces from sheer rotteness. Meanwhile, supplies from abroad had fallen into the hands of a comb of profiteers, who dictated their own terms to the Government.

ANIMAL SOCIOLOGY.

Herodotus has a story about an Egyptian ruler who put two children under the charge of a slave with strict instructions not to let them hear human speech so that they might use the primitive speech of mankind. The latest writer on the social life of an animal remarks that it would be very interesting, though obviously altogether impossible, to arrange for a number of children to grow up in complete savagery, to find out what organizations man is capable of creating without the aid of tradition. Failing this he argues, with a good deal of clearness and force, from the social life and psychology of animals to that of man. That man is distinguished from animals by the possession of "ethical ideas" he will not for one moment allow. Animals, too, obey an "inner voice," though they do not indulge in philosophy about it.

[Social Life in the Animal World," by F. Alverdes; Kegan, Paul, Trench, Trubner.]

THE HEAVENS.

The mysteries of space must appeal to the imagination of every human being, but the veriest clod, and that, perhaps, accounts for the unceasing output of star-books by astronomers known and unknown in every part of the civilized world and every tongue. Indeed, it is not unlikely that savage thinkers have written such books, on bones, in clay tablets, and on the walls of caves from time immemorial. Professor Forbes is one of the writers who leaves his subject with romance. "The Wonder and the Glory of the Stars" is a book of fascinating sketches from the professor's lectures. He does not write, however, for savages; but those who have some knowledge to back their interest should find in the book a passport to take them far along the Milky Way.

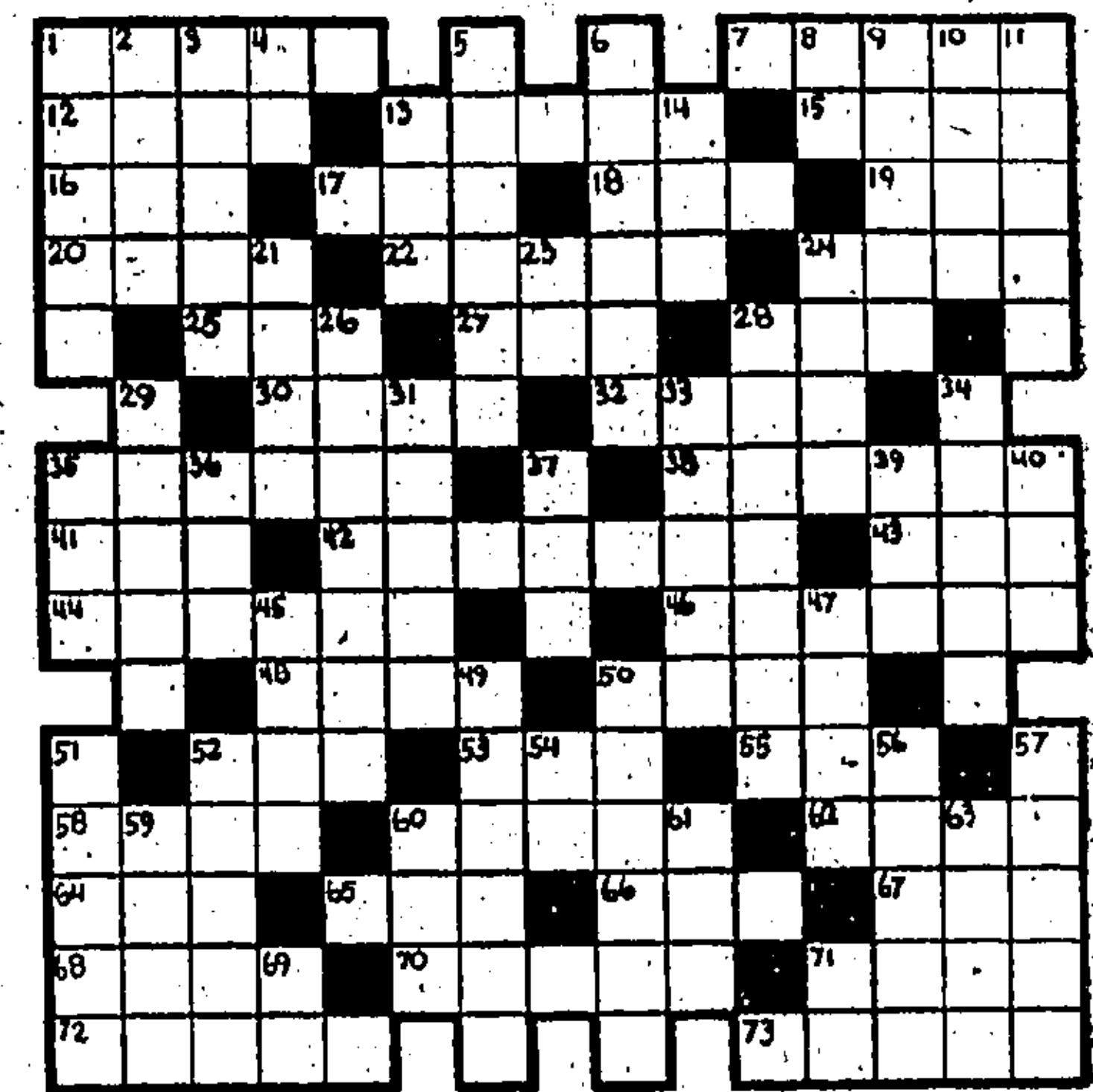
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, piano, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-To mortify
- 7-True statements
- 12-A small horse
- 13-To lose
- 15-Concurrence
- 16-Indefinite pronoun
- 18-A rodent
- 17-To prohibit
- 19-A charge
- 19-Association of Royal Academy (abbr.)
- 20-A pivotal point
- 22-Dining-room
- 24-A song bird
- 25-Drinking vessel
- 27-Measure of weight
- 28-A non-circular rotating place
- 30-A multiplicity
- 32-The gait of a horse
- 35-A pedler
- 38-Complete
- 41-A period of time
- 42-Acknowledgment of payment
- 43-A large body of water
- 44-A threat
- 46-A holy day
- 46-Part of a man's apparel
- 50-To lose one's footing

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 52-Offet
- 55-At this time
- 58-Retain
- 60-A desert animal
- 62-An armored car used in war
- 64-To grow old
- 65-Food chewed over again
- 68-An old horse
- 67-Professional charge
- 68-A crustacean
- 70-Prepared
- 71-Prefix. Around
- 72-A two-masted vessel
- 73-A person of low mentality

VERTICAL

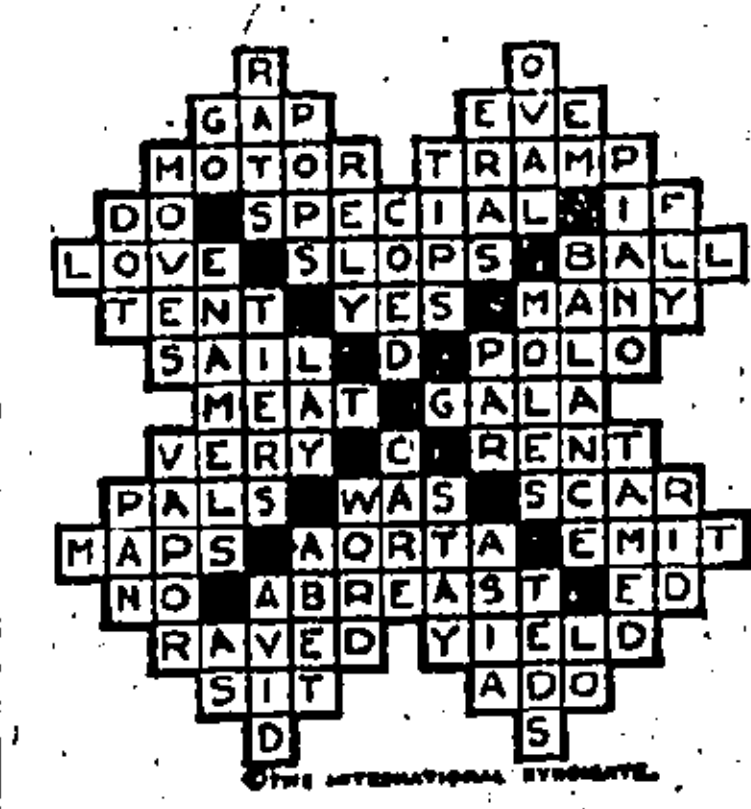
- 1-An atomizer
- 2-A deception
- 3-A prank
- 4-Possessive pronoun
- 5-Conceit
- 6-Aim
- 8-Near
- 9-Fascination
- 10-Weight allowance
- 11-Remain upon the feet
- 13-Daring fancy
- 14-A recumbent substance

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21-To draw into the mouth
- 23-Negative answer
- 24-A measure of electrical force
- 25-Stubbed
- 28-Hold
- 29-Reveals
- 31-Timber
- 33-Repulse
- 34-Average
- 35-The bottom of a stair
- 36-Pallid
- 37-Not many
- 39-Suffix. One who
- 40-Part of the hand
- 42-Greedy
- 47-A blamish
- 49-One who trades
- 50-Pays out money
- 51-A crude house
- 52-The cry of a sheep
- 54-Part of the verb "to be"
- 56-A cracker
- 57-A quantity of yarn
- 59-A demon
- 60-A common dog
- 61-Non-professional
- 63-A Roman emperor
- 69-Before Christ (abbr.)
- 71-A river in Italy

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

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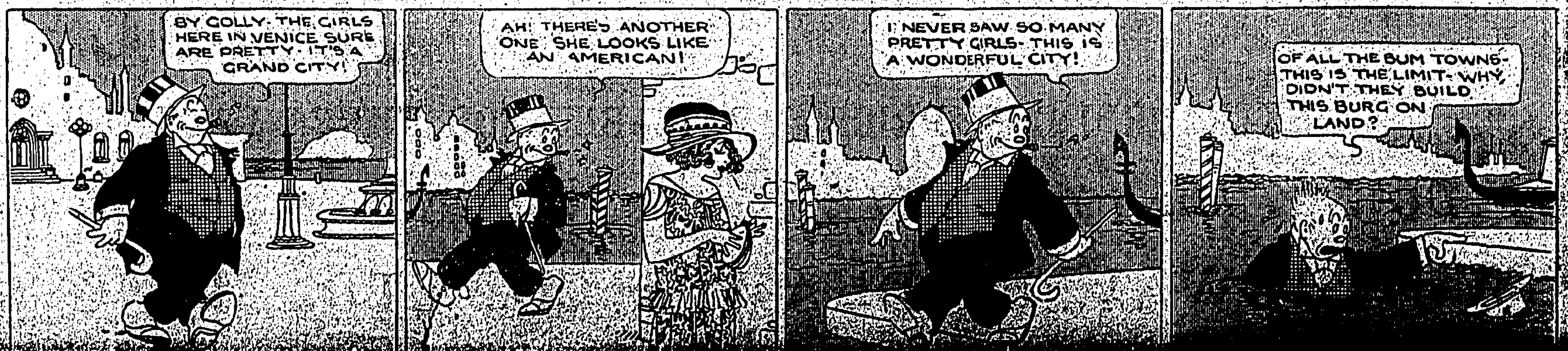
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CHINA'S TROUBLE.

HYMEN, CUPID, MARS, AND LENIN'S SPIRIT.

ALL HAD A PART.

Tokyo, Oct. 11.

Hymen and Cupid have come to the aid of Mars and the Spirit of Lenin in an effort to re-establish civilian control of the Kuomintang Party in China, and the Chinese nationalist revolutionary movement.

Following announcement in Japan of the betrothal of Mei-ling Soong to General Chiang Kai-shek, an American who was close to the Kuomintang leaders in the hey-day of their success in the Yangtze Valley told the United Press a strange story of the love plots within the group which constituted the leadership of the movement.

This American, who for a time was in the most intimate contact with the Hankow group, said that for some time there was rivalry between Eugene Chen, then the Nationalist Foreign Minister, and General Chiang for the affections of Miss Soong. The girl chose the general because of his youth and the fact he held a greater place in the party than Chen.

Chen, according to the "United Press" informant, yielded gracefully to refusal and not long after was forced to flee to Russia with Madame Sun Yat-sen, widow of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, "father of the revolution," and a sister of Miss Soong.

A date for the marriage of General Chiang to Miss Soong has not yet been set, as far as can be learned in Japan, but it is expected to take place in the not distant future and after his honeymoon the General is "very likely" to resume active participation in the muddled political-military situation in China. The Kuomintang is ready to take General Chiang back at any time, the "United Press" informant said, and will give him an important military post.

The marriage, it was pointed out, will do much towards re-establishing control of the Nationalist revolutionary movement in the hands of the group which headed it when Canton's victorious armies started their northern sweep to the Wuhan cities of the Yangtze.

Miss Soong is a sister of Madame Sun Yat-sen and her brother, T. V. Soong, is one of the outstanding figures of the Kuomintang and was minister of finance in the original Nationalist government. The marriage will mean that the Soong family and its friends and relatives will be one of the dominant factors in the party, the "United Press" informant believed.

It was stated there is not likely to be much truth in reports from London, quoting Moscow dispatches, that Eugene Chen already has married Madame Sun Yat-sen. That Chen is extremely fond of the widow of Dr. Sun there can be no doubt, the "United Press" informant said, but a marriage between the two is unlikely as it would mean that Madame Sun would lose the strong hold she now has on the Kuomintang as the widow of its late leader. As the widow of Dr. Sun, it was said, Madame Sun wields a great influence. As a wife of Eugene Chen this influence might well be lost.

The "United Press" informant compared the Soong sisters to the famous Langhorne sisters of Virginia, noted beauties of the United States, and all of them, it was said, contracted marriages as brilliant as those of the Langhorne sisters. One sister married Dr. Sun, another H. H. Kung, who claims to be a lineal descendant of the great Chinese philosopher, Confucius, and now the third is to marry Chiang Kai-shek who, in many ways, is the outstanding hero of the revolution at present.

The "United Press" informant was confident that Madame Sun and Chen are very active in Moscow in an effort to regain control of the revolutionary movement and said that the degree of their success will depend largely upon the support they receive from Russian elements interested in their success. With Borodin, late adviser of the Hankow regime, Karakhan, late ambassador in Peking, and other influential Russians close to the China situation, now in Moscow, it was believed Chen and Madame Sun have a good chance of success.

It is entirely possible, the "United Press" informant said, that the apparent coalition between Feng Yu-hsiang and Yen Shi-shan, governor of Shansi, may have been caused by the efforts of Chen and Madame Sun in Moscow. The informant believed it likely Russia is assisting both Feng and Yen.

When the original Hankow civilian group left the Wuhan area, the informant said, it was planned a majority of them should proceed to the United States in an effort to get support of Chinese Kuomintang organizations in that country for the Hankow regime. All the Chinese Kuomintang societies in America, with the exception of that in Oakland, Calif., are reported to

CUBA AND CHINA.

LIKELY TO ALLOW CHINESE IMMIGRATION?

AN INCREASE FORESHADOWED

Peking, Oct. 13.

An increase in Chinese emigration to Cuba is forecast in a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announcing an agreement with the Cuban government permitting the entry of certain classes of Chinese emigrants.

Cuba's decision to break with the American policy of absolute exclusion of Chinese, was said to have followed many months of negotiation by the Chinese Minister in Havana. The latter's report to the Foreign Office here said that Chinese citizens would henceforth be allowed to enter Cuba subject to these qualifications:—

1.—Each Chinese immigrant must have complete evidence that he has 600 pounds in available money.

2.—Each must submit assurance to the Cuban authorities providing that he has a definite occupation on landing.

The local Chinese authorities feel that the question in one for China and Cuba to decide without the interference by the United States. They say that the number of Chinese, under the new regulations, who will go to Cuba for the purpose of being smuggled, along with the Johnny Walker and White Label, into the United States, is negligible.

The Chinese minister to Cuba reported that there was no fundamental objection in Havana or elsewhere to the immigration of Chinese except their poverty and the fear that certain disease germs might be brought into the islands.

The Cuban negotiations are not only part of a general programme undertaken by the foreign office of General Chang Tso-lin's government for the purpose of breaking down the cordon of exclusion laws enacted against Chinese throughout the world. Officials say that no announcements will be made until some definite step has been accomplished. It is understood that negotiations are proceeding with several important South American countries and that some of them promise to result successfully.

The generalissimo is said to have instigated the programme himself on the ground that the policy of absolute exclusion followed in North America and Australia prevented the free economic development of China. Local officials believe that foreign countries are justified in barring immigrants without foundations but feels that the restriction should not be extended to Chinese citizens of ample means and holding legitimate occupations. — United Press.

DEVOTION TO DUTY.

RAILWAY DISASTER AVERTED BY FRENCH GIRL.

Rheims, Sept. 29.

Remarkable courage was displayed, under most tragic circumstances, by Renée Chassenotte, daughter of the Station Master at Prunay, between Rheims and Chalons-sur-Marne.

The Station Master was crossing the line to the signal cabin, when he was struck down by a passing train.

Renée, surprised at seeing the signal not function, left the station and found her father, whom she carried to a waiting-room, where he soon died.

Mastering her grief, Renée's sole thought was for the safety of the trains, so, knowing how to work the signals, she took her father's place in the cabin, where she remained for five hours, assuring the safe passage of train after train, thus avoiding a disaster.

THREE MEN COWED.

RESULT OF A HEALTHY IMAGINATION.

Napa, California, Oct. 6.

Following a hurried telephone call from a ranch near by that a man had been shot and killed there, police rushed to the scene and found a father and his two sons huddled in a corner of a back room afraid to venture out.

They told the officers that a jug of wine sitting on the table had been shattered by a bullet and two more had been lodged in the wall.

Investigation proved that the two holes in the wall were ordinary and that the wine jug and been broken by the powers from within.

A healthy imagination did the rest. — United Press.

have gone over to the Nanking faction, then headed by Chiang Kai-shek. Now Chiang's marriage, and the activities of the Kuomintang propagandists in America, it was argued, may make a coalition, between the old Hankow and Nanking crowds possible and gain for them the united support of the Kuomintang societies in foreign countries.

While the "United Press" correspondent is unable to vouch for the accuracy of this information, it bears many of the earmarks of probability and only events can indicate whether or not it is true. It is given merely as an interesting story from a person who was close to all those mentioned. — United Press Correspondent.

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Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on October 1, 1927.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

Tytam	Level	6' 7 1/2"
Tytam Byewash	do.	20' 8"
Tytam Intermediate	do.	Level
Tytam Tuk	do.	Level
Wong Nei Chung	do.	17' 11 1/2"
Pokfulum	do.	6' 10"

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow". A denotes "Above Overflow".]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

Tytam	1926	1927
Tytam	384.80	330.55
Tytam Byewash	22.37	2.42
Tytam Intermediate	195.90	195.90
Tytam Tuk	1,419.90	1,419.90
Wong Nei Chung	30.34	11.45
Pokfulum	66.00	51.06

Total

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of September.

Consumption	1926	1927
Consumption	258.24	814.54
Estimated population 405,040	415,360	
Consumption per head		
per day	22.0	25.2

Full Supply in all Hiller Main Districts during September, 1926 and 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

Kowloon Reservoir

Shek Kai Pui Reservoir

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

Kowloon Reservoir	1926	1927
Shek Kai Pui Reservoir	352.50	344.71
Reception Reservoir	100.80	100.80

Total


Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of September.

Consumption	1926	1927
Consumption	81.78	105.83
Estimated population 159,880	161,920	
Consumption per head		
per day	17.3	21.7

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INWARD MAILS.

From	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27	Per
Europe via Suez (letters & parcels 22nd Sept.)	29th Sept.	Mongolia.
Straits	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28	Nam Sang.
Shanghai	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29	Kashmir.
Shanghai	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30	Sin Kiang.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	MONDAY, OCTOBER 31	Pres. Jefferson.
Straits	MONDAY, OCTOBER 31	Hakozaki Maru.
Manila	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	Pres. McKinley.
Straits	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	Jeypore.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2	Emp. of Asia.
Australia & Manila	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7	Tanda.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27	Per
Samshui & Wuchow	4.30 p.m.	Kochow.
Amoy	5 p.m.	Tjkarang.
	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28	Tean.
Holhow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	10.30 a.m.	
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 12th Nov. Parcels noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.		
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	1 p.m.	Arafura.
Sandakan	1.30 p.m.	Hai Ning.
Bangkok	2 p.m.	Mau Sang.
Amoy	5 p.m.	Klungchow.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 26th Nov. R.F.O.—Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (29th Oct.) 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. G.P.O.—Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (29th Oct.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		
	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29	Kashmir.
Wei Hai Wei	2.30 p.m.	Kwetchow.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	2.30 p.m.	Szechuen.
Amoy	5 p.m.	Anhui.
	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30	Kaying.
Bangkok via Swatow	8.30 a.m.	Kaljo Maru.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	9 a.m.	
	MONDAY, OCTOBER 31	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu & San Francisco—due San Francisco 26th Nov. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		
*Shanghai & *Japan	10 a.m.	Tenyo Maru.
Manila	4.30 p.m.	Hakozaki Maru.
	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	Pres. Jefferson.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 3rd Dec. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Noon.	Anson.
		Hai Ching.

ARMIES BOB UP.

Reported Designs on Amoy.

HO LUNG'S TROOPS.

Echo of Communist Occupation Of Swatow.

Like a will of the wisp, the anti-Nationalist "Communist" army under Generals Ho Lung and Yieh Ting has bobbed up again.

After shaking off the dust of Kwangtung province from their feet—or rather their sandals—the Communists gave up visions of another brief tenure at Swatow and trekked inland into the southwest of Fukien province, an area which is sparsely populated and practically non-productive.

Reports have reached Canton that the adventurers now covet the port of Amoy in Fukien.

The Logical Objective.

The "China Mail's" political correspondent thinks that the port of Changchow—to the south of Amoy—with a very small arsenal and a flourishing native opium trade, is the more logical objective.

All leaders of expeditions into Fukien have studiously avoided Amoy in the past, invariably detouring to reach Foochow. The reason is that Amoy is situated in such a position that a small defending force can easily hold large bodies of attackers at bay.

What Check?

With their accustomed impertinence, bandits have issued a demand on Mr. Wong Loong-sang, the chief manager of the head office, Central Bank of China, which is a Kuomintang institution.

The demand is from bandits who describe themselves as a federation of several gangs at Sheklung. Sheklung is about 40 miles from Canton, being at the junction of the East River and the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section).

Their demand is couched in respectable terms, asking for a "loan" of \$2,000.

The letter has been handed, states the report, to the Canton City Police Commissioner.

"Black Douglas" Again.

Known to foreigners as the "Black Douglas" of the New Territories border, on account of his seasonal raids on Taipang which is behind Mirs Bay (this side of Bias Bay), Commander Lo Kwan is again reported to be active in the district, with only a very small following. The practice in the past is for his guerillas to expel the pro-Canton posts and hold the place for what it is worth until pro-Canton reinforcements arrive.

Bandits Attack Hokios.

Then between Bias Bay and Swatow—in the Hokio districts of Hoifung and Lukfung—the native bandits are up in arms again. They were subdued quite recently by the right wing of the relief expedition which Canton sent to Swatow against the invading Communist army. Troop movements have given the outlaws another opportunity of swooping down from the hills; shops have been rifled and merchants carried off for ransom.

To Protect Hakkas.

Lt. General Chan Chai-tong, who commands the 11th division of the 4th Army under General Li Chai-sum, is proceeding to Swatow to assume a new post which is equivalent to that of Defence Commissioner. This capable officer will have charge of Swatow and hinterland, including Chao-an (capital of the district) and the Hakka country around Muiyuen, in the Han River basin.

River Mine-Sweeping.

Bandits of the Canton River delta having blown up native craft with mines, the owners of the many tow-boats which ply in the locality have agreed to fit two armed motor-launches for mine-sweeping.

A story has been current that two Chinese who were educated abroad enjoy the monopoly of placing mines for the bandits, getting about \$1,000 a time for doing so. Tow-boats, which are large junk-like vessels carrying many passengers and much cargo and towed by steam-launches, are asked to pay the bandits for the privilege of passing certain parts of the delta and natural means reprisal by attacking the mines.

ARM IN ARM.

South African Flag Settlement.

A GRACEFUL GESTURE.

Attempt To Reconcile All People In Union.

Cape Town, Yesterday.

Prince Alice Sastri, senators and provincial councillors were present and the galleries crowded in the Assembly when General Hertzog, who was warmly applauded, began his announcement of the flag settlement with a graceful gesture by saying he would speak in English so that everyone in the House would understand.

He enunciated the points of the settlement already cabled and declared the national flag would express the position of the Union as an independent dominion.

He gave details of the flying of the Union Jack and emphasised that henceforth the object was to



Gen. Smuts.

reconcile all people in South Africa. This was the crowning work of what had been accomplished at the Imperial conference. For a century there had been a constitutional conflict in South Africa, but to-day 90 per cent of the people would agree that the question was finally settled.

General Smuts said he was convinced that the settlement would form a sound basis for a lasting and honourable peace.

Mr. Malan proposed that the Bill should appropriately come into force next Union Day. This was seconded and unanimously carried and the House adjourned. Hertzog, Smuts and Sir Thomas Smart walked out arm in arm.

Another Fang Drawn.

Another fang has been drawn by the Canton authorities from the serpent of labour agitators. The special delegates' council which came into being in connection with the extremist Affiliation of Leftist labour unions has been proscribed by the Police Commissioner; under orders from the provincial government.

The Department of Agriculture and Commerce is investigating—with a view to arrest—attempts of Communists to fraternise with labour unions.

Kwangsi Wireless.

The Kwangsi provincial government under General Wong Shiuhung having decided to erect a wireless installation at Nanning, a tender of \$18,999 for the building part of the programme has been accepted.

Canton Loan Details.

According to a Chinese report, only 60 or 70 per cent of the Canton Government's issue of \$10,000,000 treasury bonds, which was to sustain the official banknotes, has been paid up by the merchants and bankers to all of whom quotas were allotted in ratio to capital.

It is thought, the report continues, that further collections will not be made as it has been found that nothing useful can be done with the defaulters.

About \$2,000,000 may be repaid this year—the issue coming under the category of a short term loan—and the balance next year, within twelve months of issue.

Policy of Progress.

Mr. Chen Shu-jen, the new Construction Commissioner of Kwangtung, has launched an ambitious, thorough and useful programme of progress for his department. All sections are unanimous in hoping that he will be supplied with facilities for putting the scheme through. In a nutshell, his policy is to concentrate on improvement to roads, shipping, telegraphs, ports, and a

THE LOST LINER.

Over 1,100 Persons Rescued.

ITALIAN SHIP SINKS.

Founders Off Brazil On Way To Buenos Aires.

London, Yesterday.

South American telegrams report the sinking last night between Bahia and Pernambuco with a loss of some hundred of lives of the Italian s.s. "Principessa Mafalda," of 9,210 gross tonnage bound from Genoa to Buenos Aires.

It is believed the vessel carried 968 passengers and 230 crew, of whom 720 are reported saved by the French steamer "Formosa," and the British steamer "Avalon," which arrived on the scene of the disaster later and are helping to convey the survivors to Rio de Janeiro.

When the first news reached Rio, the Brazilian cruiser "Rio Grande" was immediately rushed to the scene. The "Principessa Mafalda" belonged to the Compagnia Navigazione Generale Italiana.

1,100 Rescued.

Latest messages received in London show that loss of life is fortunately less than was feared. It is stated officially from Bahia that the missing number 68, over 1,100 passengers and crew having been rescued by other ships. The British steamer "Avelona," of the Blue Star Line, has on board 400 survivors. She is bound for Rio de Janeiro, where in the ordinary course she would have arrived tomorrow.

The steamer "Empire Star," of the same line, saved 185 persons. She was bound for London, but was able to transfer the rescued persons to the French steamer "Formosa," which will take them to Rio de Janeiro. The "Formosa" herself is stated to have picked up 120 survivors.

The German steamer "Athena" is reported to have aboard 400. No British were booked in London for the "Principessa Mafalda," though some may have booked at ports in Europe.—British Wireless Service.

The Blue Star Line announce that the steamer "Avelona" rescued 300.—Reuter.

Few Casualties.

Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday. It is known that 1,200 aboard the "Mafalda" were saved and the loss of life small. Difficulties were experienced days ago when the vessel was lamed through the breaking of a propeller shaft. The captain relied on making port safely. Water, however, forced its way into the stern engine room and there was an explosion in the boilers while the passengers were dining.

The first indication of the disaster was the liner shaking, as if struck by a tremendous impact, the passengers springing to their feet, rushing on the decks and donning lifebelts, many jumping overboard into a calm sea. The coolness of the officers averted a panic and enabled most of the voyagers to abandon ship rapidly.

A persistent S.O.S. summoned 10 vessels near the vicinity. The first alarmist reports of heavy fatalities were due to erroneous passenger lists being used to estimate the number aboard.—Reuter.

BETTING PROFITS.

RESULTS OF GOVERNMENT TAX.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In a speech last night, the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Churchill) said the treasury would this year receive three or four millions sterling from the betting tax, and he knew of no great national interest that suffered in consequence.

Attendances had not fallen off at the big race meeting, in consequence of the tax and the prices realised for blood stock since surpassed all previous records in every sale since the imposition of the tax.

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